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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-65**

REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/4/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/1/34	REPORT MADE BY: EDWARD SCHEIDT
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Race meetings at Bowie Race Tracks have already been held. Races at Charles Town, West Virginia begin December 6, 1934. Police Officials covering these races furnished photographs and descriptions.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Letter from Chicago Office dated November 28, 1934</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">It was ascertained that the race meetings of the Bowie Race Track Board, Bowie, Maryland, have already been held.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Under instructions from Mr. Smith of the Division arrangements were made by the Washington Field Office to cover the race meetings which were scheduled to open at Charles Town, West Virginia on December 1, 1934.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">AT CHARLES TOWN, WEST VIRGINIA</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Special Agent H. E. Roberts and the writer ascertained upon arrival at Charles Town that due to excessive rains the track had been washed out and on the morning of December 1, 1934 the races which were scheduled to begin on that day had been postponed to begin December 6, 1934 to last for fifteen days thereafter.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-3502</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">DEC 6 1934 A.M.</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE</div>	
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Sheriff G. K. Wysong of Jefferson County, Charles Town, advised Special Agent Roberts and the writer that the races at Charles Town are under the auspices of the Charles Town Jockey Club, of which one Herbert Boyle is the receiver. Boyle is understood by Sheriff Wysong to be a brother of Joe Boyle who runs the track at Bowie, Maryland. The races at Charles Town were formerly operated by the Shenandoah Valley Jockey Club which was succeeded by the Charles Town Jockey Club. Sheriff Wysong further advised that in previous years operators of the Pinkerton Detective Agency had been employed at the Charles Town Track during the races but that such operators are not being used this year and the policing of the track will be handled by West Virginia State Police, operating under the Martinsburg, West Virginia Office of the State Police under Corporal Ancell. Sheriff Wysong is a director of the Charles Town Jockey Club.

AT MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

Agent Roberts and the writer interviewed Corporal H. T. Ancell and troopers G. E. Waugh and J. M. Johnson of the State Police. They advised that four members of the State Police will be detailed to the races at Charles Town throughout the fifteen days during which the races will be run. They also stated that a certain number of county constables will also be on duty at the races but stated that these constables are poorly paid and crooked and are not to be trusted. The county constables are to be used by the race track officials in lieu of the private detectives employed in previous years.

Photographs and descriptions of William J. Harrison and the various members of the Karpis-Barker gang were furnished to Corporal Ancell who stated that all members of the State Police who will be on duty at the Charles Town races will familiarize themselves with these photographs each day and maintain a sharp lookout for any of the individuals in question. In the event that any of them are located appropriate action will be taken and the Washington Field Office will be notified immediately by long distance telephone.

Copies of this report are being furnished the Pittsburgh Office for its information.

Corporal Ancell and the other State Police Officers interviewed advised that they are acquainted with Special Agent Bangert, but in view of the fact that the Charles Town races will be closely covered by the West Virginia State Police, no further investigation at this point is contemplated by the Washington Field Office at this time.

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326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
December 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I.O. 1219;
Russell Gibson, with aliases, I.O. 1213;
Dr. Joseph Moran, with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

With reference to New Orleans Division Office telegram of December 1, 1934, to the Chicago Division Office, and with reference to report of Special Agent M. Sorola, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 2, 1934, the Chicago Division Office, in telephonic communication with the New Orleans Division Office requested information whether A. H. Barker was in custody in New Orleans. Advice was furnished the Chicago Division Office that the purpose of inquiry at Chicago with relation to the 1934 Indiana license #689-489 on a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan in possession of A. H. Barker, was for the purpose of determining whether this individual was known, and if so, to eliminate further investigation by the New Orleans Division Office in the event that he was not Subject Arthur R. Barker.

On December 2, 1934, the Chicago office, by telegram, advised that Arthur Barker resided at 8802 Euclid Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana, and was the owner of a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan with the above license plates listed to him, the motor of his car being #3642219; that about three months ago he became involved financially with some insurance company who employed him, causing his departure from that section; that his parents reside in East Chicago, Indiana, and informants there state that he does not closely resemble Subject Barker.

A photograph of the suspect, A. H. Barker, was transmitted to the Chicago Division Office with their copies of the reference report of Agent Sorola, for further investigation in the event any similarity is noticed in his photograph with that of Subject Arthur R. Barker.

The New Orleans Division Office will conduct further investigation at Greenville and Yazoo City, Mississippi, and endeavor to personally view the suspect, A. H. Barker, to eliminate a possibility that he is Subject Barker, although it appears from the investigation of the Chicago Division Office, as is disclosed

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in telegram of Special Agent in Charge Connelley to the New Orleans
Division Office that the suspect is not Subject Barker.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-
Division ✓
Oklahoma City
Dallas
Little Rock
St. Paul

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

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December 3, 1934.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w. aliases, I.O. 1218;
ET AL; Edw. G. Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate Date Fingerprints forwarded Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
MARY KELLY, alias PEARL MILLER	St. Paul P.D. #25146	11-10-34	27 W II 16 12 W II 14
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ANNA BAKER, alias GERTRUDE HENDRICKS	St. Paul P.D. #24880	8-15-34	10 U OO 16 3 W I
OTTO MILLER, alias MARTIN SNIDER	St. Paul P.D. #24712	?	31 W IO 32 W OI 26

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge

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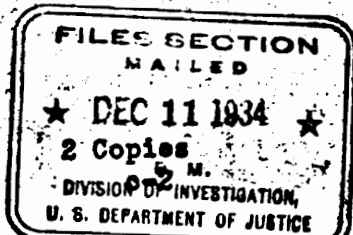
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218;
et al;
Edw. G. Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated December 8, 1934,
I am attaching the records revealed through a search of the
identification files of this Division in the cases of the
following:

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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CC - Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-63**

REPORT MADE AT: WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/6/1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/18 & 11/30/34	REPORT MADE BY: EDWARD SCHEIDT
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O.#1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O.#1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.#1232. ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Waiter at Hi-Hat Cocktail Lounge, Washington, D. C. who resembles Alvin Karpis is not Karpis but one Francis Reinwald.</p> <p>DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a telephone call received at the Washington Field Office from Mr. Lowdon of the Division on November 16, 1934. Mr. Lowdon advised that one James Seymour of 1223-12th. Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., who is a waiter, employed at the Wardman Park Hotel, had called at the Division on the same date, stating that about November 12th. or November 13, 1934 he had observed a waiter at the Hi-Hat Cocktail Lounge, located at the Ambassador Hotel and that this waiter closely resembled Alvin Karpis whose photograph Seymour had seen in a detective magazine. Mr. Seymour stated that he would ascertain whether the waiter was still working there and would notify Mr. Lowdon of what he had learned.</p> <p>DETAILS: Mr. Lowdon later telephoned the Agent and advised that Seymour had telephoned him that the Hi-Hat Cocktail Lounge was closed at that hour which was about 2:30 P.M. Seymour suggested that an Agent meet him in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel around 6 P.M. at which time, he would point out the individual suspected by Seymour as being identical with Alvin Karpis.</p> <p>The writer met Seymour at the Ambassador Hotel in accordance with his suggestion and accompanied him to the Hi-Hat Cocktail</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
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Lounge where Seymour pointed out the waiter whom he said resembled Karpis. A study of his features showed that he does bear some resemblance. The waiter is approximately the same height and build; weighs probably 140 pounds; has light brown hair and grayish blue eyes.

Agent contacted Mr. R. B. Beckert, Assistant Manager of the Ambassador Hotel and Mr. McNair, Manager of the Hi-Hat Cocktail Lounge. The latter advised that the waiter in question, who was pointed out to Mr. McNair by the Agent, is Francis Reinwald, who first worked at the Hi-Hat Cocktail Lounge from about March 1, 1934 to June 1, 1934. Reinwald then took a trip to Germany and reported back for work about Labor Day, 1934. He has been employed steadily since that time at the Hi-Hat Cocktail Lounge. Mr. McNair further stated that Reinwald married the maid of Mr. Cafritz, owner of the Ambassador Hotel, shortly before going to Germany. According to Mr. McNair, Reinwald worked at the Carlton Hotel before coming to the Hi-Hat-Cocktail Lounge.

Agent examined specimens of Reinwald's signature contained in payroll records of the Hi-Hat Cocktail Lounge but same bore no apparent resemblance to that of Karpis' on I.O. #1218.

Mr. R. A. Conn, Manager of the Ambassador Hotel also was interviewed but was unable to give any further information.

Agent interviewed Mr. John Rupsina, head waiter at the Carlton Hotel, Washington, D. C. who advised that he recalled Reinwald as a waiter who worked at the Carlton Hotel. Mr. Rupsina showed Agent a time book kept by him which reflected that Reinwald was steadily employed at that Hotel from October 3, 1933 to March 20, 1934 at which time Reinwald left, being dissatisfied with his position.

It is evident from the above information that Francis Reinwald is not identical with subject Alvin Karpis.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 3, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

RE: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.
O. 1218; Arthur R. Barker with
aliases, I. O. 1219; Russell
Gibson with aliases, I. O. 1213;
Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases,
I. O. 1232; ET AL: Edward George
Bremer - Victim - Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that on November 20, 1934 I contacted confidential informant [redacted] at Guthrie, Oklahoma. He reported practically no developments save that George Dufek, of Perry, Oklahoma, has made a trip and since his return is alleged to have received a letter, which [redacted] says Dufek showed him. [redacted] alleges that this letter was from Joplin, Missouri, written in pencil but the signature of the writer, if any, thereon had been destroyed or torn off and that there was no address on the letter. This letter stated that persons had been unable to make any contact with the "parties" and that the money agents at Omaha had failed. I would say that [redacted] has no information and it is very doubtful that he will be able to obtain anything that will be of value to the Division in this matter, and he tacitly admits as much.

[redacted] expressed a desire to make a trip into northern Oklahoma to contact some old acquaintances of his in that vicinity in an effort to see what, if anything, he can obtain concerning the subjects of this case. I continued him for another week and supplied him with funds with which to make this trip.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc St. Paul
Chicago
Kansas City
El Paso

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**FILE NO. **7-56**

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/4/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/23/34	REPORT MADE BY: B. L. Dannon
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with alias, I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: 1934 Ford Sedan, Motor No. 899365 not registered in State of Oklahoma. Stop card placed with the State Highway Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.			
REFERENCE: Letter from Detroit office addressed to Chicago office, dated November 19, 1934.			
DETAILS: At Oklahoma City: Mr. R. A. Hopper, Stolen Car Division, State Highway Commission, examined his records and advised that the same did not contain any information pertaining to 1934 Ford DeLuxe Sedan, Motor No. 899365. Mr. Hopper placed a stop card in his records as to this automobile with a notation to advise the Oklahoma City office in the event same was registered or he received any information pertaining to the same. The request for a stop as to this automobile was verified by letter dated December 4, 1934.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. H. C. Hopper</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 7 - 1934 CHECKED OFF: DEC 7 1934 JACKETED:	
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2118
Detroit, Michigan
December 5 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith fingerprints of Ed J. Cook, an employee of the Noonan Detective Agency at Cleveland, Ohio, who was interviewed by Special Agent W. E. Peters in connection with the criminal record of Charles Carroll with aliases, Division jacket #30222. Cook voluntarily permitted Agent Peters to take these prints and advised that he desired them to be returned after a search had been made for a criminal record. It is requested therefore, that a search be made at the Identification Unit of the Division to determine whether Cook has any criminal record and that the original prints be returned to the Detroit office for transmittal to Cook. It is suggested that these prints be photographed and the photographs retained in the files of the Identification Unit as they might be of assistance some time in the future, if no record is found.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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RE: VC

MEMORANDUM TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS OF OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE,
December 5, 1934

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, ET AL.
LESTER M. GILLIS with aliases, ET AL.

THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR. with aliases.

In all leads in the above entitled cases you are hereby instructed to submit a report thereon within fifteen days after the receipt thereof. In the event your investigation discloses leads indicating the whereabouts of the subjects or their associates, you are instructed to communicate the same to me by telephone immediately.

Strict adherence to these instructions is imperative.

W. B. BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL**

K.C. FILE NO. 7-57

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-4-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-16-34 to 12-1-34	REPORT MADE BY: M. C. SPEAR												
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1216 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232 RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING												
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Kansas State Highway Patrolman's informant states Fred Barker at Ensenada or Balboa, California as Fred Barton; that Karpis at St. Louis, Illinois; that "Doc" Barker at Joplin or Neosho, Missouri; Stop Notices placed with Kansas and Missouri Vehicle Commissioners for Ford V-8 Sedan, motor number 899365. [REDACTED] furnishes addresses alleged hide-outs subjects Duluth, Minnesota and British Columbia. Investigation Coffeyville, Kansas 11-19 and 11-20-34 after Chicago informant received letter from Volney Davis postmarked Coffeyville, Kansas failed to indicate Davis there; however, Tom Hill alleged Coffeyville contact indicates willingness assist Government in apprehension subjects. John Filan inmate United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas furnished possible contacts of Willie Harrison. Joe E. Fisher, father-in-law of subject Gibson during open interview advised had no information Gibson's whereabouts but would furnish same to Division if ascertained. Information Fred Barker at Kansas City forepart November apparently erroneous. Lloyd Barker, subject's brother, incarcerated United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas has had no congressional visitors although Jack Glynn upon visiting him in January, 1934 indicated visit at request of Congressman Cochran, St. Louis, Missouri, recently defeated for United States Senator.</p>															
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Mo. 11-17-34.</p>															
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<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>		<p>7-576-3510 DEC 7 1934 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[Initials]</i> FILE</p>													
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DETAILS:

While Special Agent H. A. Dietz was engaged in general investigation in the vicinity of Wichita, Kansas he was informed by one Mr. Deaver, a member of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, working out of Topeka, Kansas, that an unnamed informant of Deaver had advised that subject Fred Barker was in Ensenada, California or Balboa, California going under the name of Fred Barton; that informant further advised that subject Alvin Karpis was in Gainesville, Illinois; also that subject Arthur R. (Doc) Barker might be located in the vicinity of Joplin, Missouri or Neosho, Missouri. Deaver did not divulge the name of his informant to Agent Dietz and accordingly it is not known at the present time whether this informant is in a position to have information of the whereabouts of these subjects. Further efforts are contemplated at the Kansas City Office to endeavor to obtain from Deaver the name and whereabouts of his informant in order that an interview may be had by an Agent of this Office with such informant. At the present time the respective field offices are being requested to give what attention is possible to the above information.

Reference is made to the personal and confidential letter from the Oklahoma City Office to the Division dated November 14, 1934; also to Division letter to the Oklahoma City Office dated November 26, 1934 pertaining to one Charles or George Dufek, who informant indicated had served sentences in the Leavenworth and Joliet penitentiaries. Special Agent A. E. Farland has submitted a memorandum, being filed in the Kansas City Division Office file in this case, wherein he indicates that the records of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas were carefully examined for the purpose of ascertaining any information relative to an individual by the name of Dufek who might have been an inmate in that institution, however, Mr. E. C. Bokholdt, secretary to the Warden, upon completion of such search advised there was no record of any individual by that name having served time in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

With further reference to the possibility of Edna Murray, subject Davis' present woman companion, being identical with one Velma Tippitt, the former wife of Cleveland S. Tippitt, mention of which will be found on page eight of report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Missouri November 17, 1934, it may be noted that Special Agent R. G. Reed interviewed Cleveland S. Tippitt who is presently incarcerated at the Shawnee County Jail, Topeka, Kansas awaiting trial on National Motor Vehicle Theft Act indictment, and Tippitt claimed that he did not know Edna Murray although he did know that she had consorted with Diamond Joe Sullivan after the latter had separated from Velma Champaigne. Tippitt stated that Velma Champaigne died about a year ago and is presently buried at Monmouth, Illinois.

Pursuant to information set out in letter from Special Agent in Charge Wm. Larson dated at Detroit, Michigan November 19, 1934 to the Chicago Office, requests were made upon the motor vehicle Commissioners of the states of Kansas and Missouri - Topeka, Kansas and Jefferson City, Missouri respectively - for any information available regarding registration

of 1934 Deluxe Ford V-8 Sedan, motor number 899365, and replies from those state officials indicated that the car was not registered in either state but that Stop Notices will be placed in the offices of both states in order that in the event this was subsequently registered the Kansas City Division Office would immediately be notified.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear dated at Kansas City, Missouri September 11, 1934, particularly to page eighteen, the last paragraph thereof, wherein will be noted information obtained by Special Agent A. E. Farland from informant K [REDACTED] b7c b7d

[REDACTED] to the effect that the Barkers and Karpis were supposed to have a hide-out at British Columbia at the home of two women.

[REDACTED] has now advised Agent Farland that the point in question was the place of one Mrs. E. Coulston at Quatheaski-Cove, B. C., Dominion of Canada, or Qualheaski-Cove, B. C., Dominion of Canada. [REDACTED] also advised that this same informant indicated that the place of one Mrs. R. G. Wistrom, 1814 Piedmont Avenue, Duluth, Minnesota, was an alleged hide-out of Karpis and the Barkers. The respective offices are being requested to make appropriate inquiries at these places.

With reference to the memorandum of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, November 20, 1934, setting out the fact that Special Agent R. D. Brown of the Chicago Division Office had called from Chicago on the evening of November 19, 1934 advising that informant [REDACTED] had received a letter postmarked Coffeyville, Kansas, on November 17, 1934 from Volney Davis, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. R. Miller and Special Agent R. P. Shanahan at Coffeyville on November 19, 20 and 21, 1934:

During the late evening of the nineteenth and the earlier morning hours of the twentieth the roadhouse operated by Hazel Doyle and Known as THE NUT HOUSE which is located in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, was kept under surveillance by both Agents. At the time the place owned and operated by Tom Hill, known as the CASA DEL CAMINO, was not open so that no approach could be made in that direction. No unusual activities were noted on the above occasion nor was there any indication that Davis was in the vicinity at that time. THE NUT HOUSE is a roadhouse obviously frequented by decidedly questionable characters but on the above date no one connected with the instant case was present although it is a likely place for them to visit in the event they appear in that section.

From Special Agent Paul Hansen of the Oklahoma City Office who arrived in Coffeyville on November 20, 1934, and Gene Haverfield, Deputy Sheriff of Nowata County, Oklahoma who is a highly reliable officer in the estimation of the Oklahoma City Office, it was ascertained that Tom Hill had signified his willingness to put the members of the Karpis-Barker gang "on the spot". This information was given by Hill to Haverfield on November 21, 1934 at which time the former said that he was afraid of

the Federal authorities and was anxious to prevent any "heat" being placed on him. He stated further that he expected to open up his place again after the first of January. Meanwhile he looked for attempts on the part of the Barkers to contact him because of their associations in the past. In such an event Hill told Haverfield that he would arrange a meeting and would immediately notify the latter. Although Hill knew that Agents were in Coffeyville at the time he refused to talk with any one except Haverfield stating that the Deputy Sheriff was one officer in Oklahoma whom he knew he could trust. Another motive for such action on the part of Hill is the hope of obtaining a reward which intention he openly spoke of when interviewed by Haverfield.

Efforts were made to locate a 1934 Pontiac Sedan which Volney Davis is thought to be driving by scrutinizing all cars seen both in Coffeyville, Kansas and South Coffeyville, Oklahoma but with negative results.

Despite earlier convictions to the contrary it does not now seem entirely likely that Hill is seeking to deceive Haverfield. The latter stated to Agents that on one other occasion some years ago the former had promised to deliver information concerning individuals wanted by the Oklahoma authorities and had kept his word to the letter. This fact together with additional ulterior motives Hill may have for assisting in the apprehension of the above subjects seems to indicate that close contact should be continued with Deputy Sheriff Haverfield by the Oklahoma City Office.

Surveillance was also conducted over the premises of W. H. Boice, father-in-law of Harry Stanley who is the brother-in-law of Volney Davis, at Pittsburg, Kansas on November 21, 1934. However, no unusual activity was noted. Tom Stowers of the local police department has promised to keep in close touch with the situation in his territory and will notify this office in the event any contact is sought at Boice's farm near Pittsburg.

Predicated upon information set out on page five of the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 12, 1934, an interview was had by Special Agent A. E. Farland with John Filan at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas and the following memorandum has been submitted by Agent Farland relative to this interview for information concerning Willie Harrison:

On November 28, 1934 while at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, convict John Filan, register 44235 was interviewed and stated that he was formerly in business at 301 West State Street, Calumet City, Illinois; that he knew Willie Harrison, who had formerly conducted a place at 403 West State Street, Calumet City, Illinois; that Harrison's home was in St. Louis, Missouri. He was unable to furnish the address. He did state, however, that Harrison had a brother, Elmer

Harrison, who is connected with a golf club in St. Louis. He could not furnish the name of the Club but stated that Elmer Harrison was very well known by the golfers. Filan further stated that he believed that Elmer Harrison could possibly furnish information as to where Willie was as they appeared to be very fond of each other. He had many times heard Willie talk about Elmer; that he last saw Willie Harrison in November, 1933 just before he was taken into custody on a charge of counterfeiting and that he was sentenced on November 1, 1933, to serve three and a half years in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth; that he was now a trusty being employed as clerk on number 1 farm and that he expected to go up for parole in January, 1935; that he had never been in any trouble before and has a family residing at 1168 Wilcox Street, Hammond, Indiana. He states he does not believe that Harrison has ever served any sentence for anything; however, he has been in quite a bit of trouble.

Filan further stated he believed Willie Harrison was very well known around Cicero, Illinois as he has spent quite a bit of time there, but he was unable to furnish any particular place. Also he is very well known in St. Louis, Missouri. Filan suggested that Henry Lindner in the real estate business, who has an office on Wentworth Avenue, Calumet City, be interviewed as he was the landlord of Willie Harrison and was very well acquainted with him.

Filan could furnish no further information and requested that in the event Mr. Lindner was interviewed that his name be not mentioned as having given any information.

Attention is directed to page fifty seven of the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown dated at Chicago, Illinois November 12, 1934 indicating that it would be appropriate at this time to openly approach and interview Mr. Joe E. Fisher, father of Clara Fisher Gibson, wife of subject Russell Gibson. On November 16, 1934 Mr. Fisher was interviewed at the American Can Company, 911 East 14th Street, North Kansas City, Missouri by Special Agent R. P. Shanahan accompanied by Special Agents L. S. Vandover and A. R. Miller of the Kansas City Office. Upon being questioned as to any possible information he possessed concerning the present whereabouts of either Russell Gibson or his wife Clara Gibson, Mr. Fisher advised that the last he had seen of either person was over five years ago. He did not hesitate to explain to Agents that he had no use for Russell Gibson but stated that his, Mr. Fisher's, wife was more friendly towards him. During the last three years she made two trips to Chicago, the details of which were never made known to Mr. Fisher inasmuch as he explained that he and his wife had few things in common, especially in regard to the activities of their daughter, Clara, and her husband, Russell Gibson. He stated further that he would be very willing to cooperate in any manner in the detection and apprehension of Gibson but stated that he did not think that such an opportunity would arise. Mr. Fisher was supplied with the address and telephone number of the Kansas City Division Office and he stated that he would not mention the fact that he had been interviewed by Division Agents to no one, including the people in his family.

Pursuant to information received on November 15, 1934 from Deputy Warden Stubblefield of the Kansas State Penitentiary stating that the latter had been informed by a prisoner at the State prison that he had information that Fred Barker had been present at the Main Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, which is located at 1426 Main Street, on Friday evening November 9, 1934 and further that it was probable that Fred Barker would return to that Hotel the latter part of the week, a surveillance of the above premises was conducted on November 16 and November 17, 1934 by Special Agents R. P. Shanahan and A. E. Farland. Both Agents registered at the Main Hotel at about 6:00 P. M. on November 16, 1934 and conducted a surveillance of the guests as far as possible, throughout that evening until the morning of the following day. Since the information obtained from Mr. Stubblefield included the report that Fred Barker had previously stayed with a girl by the name of Dorothy, who was believed to be rooming at the above Hotel with one Ellen Eno, woman companion of Clarence Eno who is an inmate of the Kansas State Penitentiary at the present time, Agents attempted to ascertain if either of the above women were present at this Hotel on the above dates, however, no unusual activity was noted, nor was there any indication of the presence of either Fred Barker, the women indicated above, or any of the other subjects involved in the instant case. It should be noted that the Main Hotel is one which caters to the cheaper class and would afford a suitable hide-out in the event any of the above mentioned subjects came to Kansas City. With this in mind a periodic surveillance of the above premises will be conducted in the event any of the above individuals appear in the future at that Hotel.

Reference is made to Division letter to the Oklahoma City Office dated November 22, 1934 relative to Lloyd Barker, brother of subject Barker, who is an inmate of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. In this connection attention is directed to report of Special Agent M. C. Spear dated at Kansas City, Missouri July 19, 1934, particularly to page two, paragraphs three and five, and page six, paragraph one. On November 28, 1934 Special Agent A. E. Farland examined the correspondence record and visitors record of Lloyd Barker, register 17243, at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas and it was noted there is no record of any senator or congressman having had any personal interview with Barker. Subsequent to the information set out in the above mentioned report of Special Agent M. C. Spear dated July 19, 1934 it is noted that Lloyd Barker was visited by his father G. E. Barker, Neosho, Missouri August 21, 1934 - this being the only visit except a visit each by Special Agent Farland and Special Agent H. E. Andersen. Warden F. G. Zerbst called Agent Farland's attention to the fact that at the time Jack Glynn, private detective of Leavenworth, Kansas, visited Lloyd Barker on January 26, 1934 Glynn indicated himself as an attorney and stated he was appearing at the request of Congressman Cochran of St. Louis, Missouri. It is noted that this Mr. Cochran was recently defeated for nomination for United States Senator from Missouri.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The ST. PAUL OFFICE will make such inquiries as are believed desirable relative to the information reported in the body of this report that the Barkers and Karpis have a hide-out at the place of Mrs. R. C. Wistrom, 1814 Piedmont Avenue, Duluth, Minnesota.

The PORTLAND OFFICE at Quatheaski-Cove, B. C., Dominion of Canada, or Qualheaski-Cove, B. C., Dominion of Canada, will make such inquiries as are believed practicable relative to the possibility of the Barkers and Karpis having a hide-out at this point at the place of Mrs. E. Coulston as indicated in the body of this report.

The LOS ANGELES OFFICE will make such inquiries as are believed practicable at Balboa, California relative to the information set out hereinabove to the effect that Fred Barker is supposed to be at that point using the name of Fred Barton.

The Los Angeles Office will also note that there is information to indicate that Fred Barker, alias Fred Barton, may be at Ensenada, California. The Kansas City Office has noted that the postal guide lists no such name for a town in California.

The CHICAGO OFFICE will note information hereinabove set out to the effect that subject Karpis is supposed to be at Gainesville, Illinois. The Kansas City Office is unable to find such a town listed in Illinois in the postal guide.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**

Jax FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE: Dec. 5, 1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Oct. 22-Nov. 20, 1934	REPORT MADE BY: Roger L. Main
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232; ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>James Galloway, Miami Beach, Florida, advises he cannot recall any one ever being in Miami connected with dog tracks named Homer Wilson or nicknamed "Big Homer". No information disclosed by investigation at Miami indicating presence of Buddy Whelan in that city.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the New York office dated October 15, 1934; and letter from the Chicago office dated October 31, 1934.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Miami, Florida</p> <p>Mr. James Galloway, Miami Beach, Florida, formerly interested in the Biscayne Kennel Club, Miami, Florida, advised that he could not recall any one by the name of Homer Wilson ever having been interested in dog racing at Miami, Florida, or connected with any of the three tracks now at Miami, Florida. He stated that he did remember Bradley Wilson, who was a former stockholder in the Biscayne Kennel Club, but knew nothing of Bradley Wilson's family or connections. The description of Big Homer was related to Mr. Galloway and he could not recall an individual answering this description who was interested or employed at any time in the Biscayne Kennel Club. Mr. Galloway appeared cooperative in this matter and stated that he is well connected with persons interested in dog racing and that during the racing season in Miami, which will open shortly, he will make inquiries through persons connected with the dog racing sport and endeavor to obtain some information on Homer Wilson or the individual known as Big Homer.</p> </div> </div>			
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In the letter from the Chicago office dated October 31, 1934, in which reference is made to an interview with Irene Dorsey, former paramour of Fred Goetz, it appears that during this interview Irene Dorsey mentioned Buddy Whelan, who is reported to have been in Miami during 1933, and also who wrote a letter to Goetz from Miami indicating knowledge of the Bremer kidnaping.

The investigation conducted to date by the Jacksonville office at Miami, Florida, fails to disclose the identity or whereabouts of Buddy Whelan. Mr. J. R. Farrington, Manager of the Fort Dallas Hotel, where Willie Harrison formerly stopped, advised that he knew of no one named Buddy Whelan and could not recall any one using that name as ever stopping at the Fort Dallas Hotel. In conversation with Frank Curley, who operates Curley's Cafe on Miami Beach, and who is also reported to be acquainted with Willie Harrison and others connected with the Karpis gang, Agent mentioned Buddy Whelan's name and Curley advised that he could not recall any one by this name as ever having contacted him at Miami, Florida. It is quite difficult to obtain any information from Curley as he is shrewd and has long been associating with people of the gangster type and is alert in determining the purpose of inquiries concerning his former associates.

There is no information at either the Miami or Miami Beach police departments concerning the identity or location of Buddy Whelan, and similar inquiries at the Miami post office, which includes the Miami Beach station, failed to disclose any information to indicate Buddy Whelan's presence in Miami, Florida, now.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE CHICAGO OFFICE is requested to furnish, if available, a description of Buddy Whelan and any other additional information that may have been obtained concerning his presence in Miami, Florida.

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE at Miami, Florida, will conduct investigation in this case and keep in contact with James Galloway, Miami Beach, Florida, for information that he may be able to develop concerning the identity and location of Big Homer Wilson.

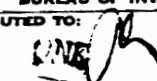
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT: Detroit, Michigan	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/5/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/1-21/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. E. HALL
TITLE: CHANGED: ALVIN KARPIS, aliases: A. Carter, Raymond Handley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, A. Karpis, Earl Peal, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, E. L. Burns, R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Alvin Karpavicz, R. E. Nelson, Earl Lyman Burns, Marion Bradford, H. J. Milgreth, H. G. Milgreth, Howard Milgreth, E. L. Burnes, Ray Hall, Dan Murphy, "Chi" Karpis, Raymond Hadley, Albin Karpis, "James", Charles M. Bronson - I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murrey, J. H. Harvey, "James", A. S. Hunter, Dock Barker, Claude Barker, Arthur Barker, F. E. Gordon, "Joe", H. J. Harvey, Ray Gordon, H. J. Morley - I. O. #1219; FRED BARKER, aliases: F. G. Ward, Ted Murphy, J. Darrows, R. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, A. S. Hunter, J. Earl Matterson, J. Stanley Smith, Fred E. Gordon, Bradford, Earl J. Matterson, J. E. Blackburn, F. C. Blackburn, F. B. Lang; HARRY CAMPBELL, aliases: Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson; VOLNEY DAVIS, aliases: "Curley" Davis, "Cotton" Davis, E. V. Davis, J. H. Lockwood, S. E. Lockwood, C. E. Moore, Jimmie, Curley Moore, Everett Davis, Curley Hansen, Curley Hansen, J. E. Hansen; WILLIAM WEAVER, aliases: P. O. Donnell, Phoenix Donald, R. A. Nelson, T. J. Nelson, P. J. Nelson, Bill Scott, W. C. Weaver, J. A. Orhood, Charles W. Lucas, Charles E. Bolling, Bill Weaver, Felix Donald, P. O. Donald, Phoenix O'Donald, W. G. Weaver, P. O. Scott, Bill Thornton; HARRY SAWYER, aliases: FRANK JAMES, "Dutch" Sawyer, Harry Sandlovich, Harry J. Porche, Harry Sandovich, Harry Sandovich, Jew Harry; FRED C. GOETZ, aliases: George Zeigler, Fred Getz, "shotgun" Zeigler, "The Dutchman", James George Zeigler, George B. Siebert, A. W. Johnson, W. A. Johnson, George B. Johnson, Floyd C. Zeigler, Van Ash, George F. Seibert (Deceased); BYRON BOLTON, aliases: Byron Bolton, Monty Carter, Owen D. Carter, Owen Bernard Carter; JAMES J. WILSON, aliases: Jimmie Wilson, James Jackson, James Ryan, "Dr. Jim" Wilson, E. J. Powell;			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
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Roy Gray Evans, Slim Evans - I. O. #1213;
OLIVER A. BERO, aliases: Ollie Berg, "Izzy", Mr. Jones, Oliver Bennet;
WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, aliases: William E. Vidler, Williams;
PHILIP J. DELANEY, aliases: Philip Delaney, Phillip Delaney, Phil Delaney,
Phillip Galaney;
JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, aliases: J. V. McLaughlin, "Boss" McLaughlin, Mr.
Smith;
JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, Jr., aliases: Jack McLaughlin, Jimmy McLaughlin.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim

SYNOPSIS:

James J. Wilson as E. J. Powell purchased Ford V-8 DeLuxe
Sedan, Motor No. 899365 on 5/21/34 at Toledo, Ohio.
Chevrolet Club Sedan, Motor No. 4543656 sold to H. J.
Morley at Toledo, Ohio 8/3/34 by Robison Chevrolet, Inc.
Morley is alias of Arthur R. Barker. Frank J. Noonan
admits securing criminal record of Charles Carroll but is
unable to account for disposition of same and denies
knowing any members of gang. Pay envelopes of Noonan
Detective Agency found at residence of Alvin Karpis evi-
dently left in Noonan's room at Carter Hotel, Cleveland,
Ohio, which room was taken over by A. W. Heberbrand who,
investigation indicates, is acquainted with members of gang and
interested in Harvard Club which was frequented by members
of gang. Noonan promises cooperation in locating subjects.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan
dated 9/5/34;
Report of Special Agent in Charge Wm. Larson, Detroit,
Michigan dated 9/28/34;
Letter from Chicago Office dated 10/13/34.

DETAILS:

The title in this case is being changed as it is noted in report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, October 1, 1934 pages 26 and 27 that Arthur R. Barker used the alias of H. Morley and it is further indicated later in this report that a car was purchased at Toledo, Ohio in the name of H. J. Morley. It is also reflected later in this report that James J. Wilson used the alias of E. J. Powell, which is added to the title of this report.

It is noted in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated September 25, 1934 page 33, that there were found at the premises of 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, which premises was occupied by Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, a DeLuxe Ford Coupe, Motor No. 683450 bearing Ohio 1934 license plates C19563, which car was taken into custody by Agents of the Detroit Office and removed to Detroit, and certain other papers which indicated that this car had been purchased from the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company of Toledo, Ohio.

The Cincinnati office advised by letter under date of October 2, 1934 with reference to the aforementioned car, that the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in the State Highway Department at Columbus, Ohio disclosed that Ohio 1934 license plates C-19563 were issued on March 21, 1934 to George Winfield, 631 St. Clair Avenue, Toledo, Ohio for Ford Coupe Motor No. 683450 and that the bill of sale is recorded as #359386 in the records of Lucas County, Ohio. This bill of sale was examined in the office of the County Clerk of Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio and reflects that the aforementioned car was sold by the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company of Toledo, Ohio on March 21, 1934; that the name of the grantor appears as the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, by Jess J. Ellis and the witnesses appear as Ann Marie Laskey and Thomas Carter and it is notarized by Thomas Carter, Notary Public. The grantee is shown thereon as George J. Winfield, whose signature appears thereon, of 631 St. Clair Street.

The writer called at the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, 3519 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio and there interviewed Thomas Carter, general manager of the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company who, after examining his records, advised that the aforescribed car had been sold on March 21, 1934 to George Winfield for a price of \$698.03. He called in Mr. T. D. Reed, the salesman who made the deal. Mr. Reed advised that about a month prior to March 21, 1934, Bert Angus, who is a brother of Ted Angus of the Casino Club, called the Jess J. Ellis Motor

Sales Company and looked at a Ford Sedan. However, he did not purchase any car at this time although prices were quoted to him. Mr. Reed stated this was the first time he had ever met Angus. He stated further that on March 21, 1934, Bert Angus appeared at the showroom with an individual whom he introduced as George Winfield and stated that Winfield was a dealer at the Jovial Club, 631 St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio and that on the day before he had just hit on the pony and won \$1,300 and wanted to purchase a Ford Coupe.

He described George Winfield as follows:

Age - 30
Height - 5' 5 or 6"
Weight - 160 to 165 lbs.
Hair - Light Sandy
Complexion - Ruddy

He accordingly exhibited the aforescribed automobile to Winfield, which apparently suited Winfield, but he requested bumper guards, six ply tires and a Majestic Radio be installed therein. He stated that he wanted this done immediately. Mr. Reed quoted him a price of \$698.03 which was agreeable to Winfield and he paid for the same with a \$500 bill and two \$100 bills and took the car with him.

Photographs of all members of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Mr. Reed and to Mr. Carter, who notarized this bill of sale, and they were unable to identify any of the gang as George Winfield. They stated positively that from the photograph exhibited of Harry Campbell, that he was not George Winfield.

Subsequently Mr. Carter advised that he had signed the name of George J. Ellis on the bill of sale which was filed with the County Clerk of Lucas County.

Mr. Reed advised, after an examination of his records, that on June 1, 1934, George Winfield had brought this car in to the repair shop of the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company and had work done thereon amounting to \$13.15. This was the second and last time that Mr. Reed ever saw George Winfield. At the time he left the car for repair work, which was completed the same day, he gave as his address 33¹/₂ Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Carter advised that he knew nothing concerning the activities of Bert Angus while Mr. Reed advised that after the sale of this car he had heard Bert Angus was a brother of Ted Angus of Toledo,

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Ohio, but that he was not personally acquainted with Ted Angus although, concerning Bert Angus, he stated that subsequent to the sale of this car he had heard that Bert Angus had formerly been engaged in some sort of a confidence game in Toledo where he would line up the "suckers" at the Casino Club for professional confidence men who would then take them to the Jefferson Hotel in Toledo, Ohio and shake them down for everything they had.

Mr. Reed appeared to be very straightforward during this interview and stated that he would cooperate with the Division in this matter in any manner we so desired. He also furnished information towards another car apparently sold to Jimmie Wilson as E. J. Powell, which will be discussed later.

Accordingly, the writer and Mr. Reed called at the Jovial Club using as a pretext that we desired to locate George Winfield and sell him another car. The writer also posed as a salesman for the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company. The address of 631 St. Clair Street is the Jovial Club, a notorious gambling resort in Toledo which was formerly operated by Jimmie Hayes, a notorious Toledo gambler who was murdered in Detroit, Michigan on or about October 4, 1934. There inquiry was made of one Frank Parker, who stated he had been employed at the Jovial Club for the past five years and ^{as to} George Winfield, he stated he had never seen or known anyone at the Jovial Club to use that name during the term of his employment. It was explained to him of course, that it was desired to locate George Winfield with a view of selling him a new car.

Inquiry in the vicinity of 33 1/2 Summit Street developed that there was a policy game being operated there. Accordingly the writer and Mr. Reed called at this address and interviewed one George Dyer under pretext of desiring to locate George Winfield with a view of selling him a car and Dyer advised that he had never seen or known of anyone to use the name of George Winfield at 33 1/2 Summit Street.

In connection with the aforescribed car, a libel and forfeiture #631 was filed in United States District Court at Cleveland, Ohio for this automobile and on November 17, 1934 United States District Judge S. H. West entered a decree vesting title in this car and condemning this car and awarding title to the United States of America as against all persons except the true owner, said car to be retained by the Division of Investigation of the U. S. Department of Justice and to be used in the regular course of business.

When Mr. T. D. Reed was interviewed he advised further that on May 21, 1934 he received a telephone call at the sales room from Bert Angus and that Angus asked him whether he had a new four door black Ford Sedan in stock and Mr. Reed advised him that he did. Angus then stated he would bring a man over who wanted to buy a black four door Ford Sedan and a short time later the same day Angus appeared with an individual whom he introduced as E. J. Powell. He exhibited to Powell a 1934 DeLuxe four door Sedan, Motor No. 899365. At the time he exhibited the car it had red wire wheels on it but Powell objected to the fact that it had red wire wheels on it and insisted it be changed and black wire wheels were placed thereon. Mr. Reed described this car as black with a red body stripe on the hood and with black wheels. It had no special equipment. The price quoted to Powell was \$707.48 and Reed is of the opinion, although is not positive, that this car was paid for with seven \$100 bills and the remaining amount in bills of smaller denomination. He further advised that before the car was ready for delivery that day Powell advised him that he had to go and unload a load of liquor that was coming in on a boat and Bert Angus remained to get the car. Before Powell left he executed a bill of sale that was to be filed in the County Clerk's office and also application for 1934 license plates. Mr. Reed further advised that he had gone with Bert Angus to a branch of the State Auto Registration Division of the Ohio State Department of Highways of 724 Phillips Avenue, where Bert Angus obtained license plates for this car, the numbers of which he made notations ^{no} and that afterwards the car was taken by Bert Angus. Powell, at the time of purchasing this car, gave his address as 1312 1/2 Adams Street and the same address appears on a sworn bill of sale which Agent found had been filed with the Clerk of Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, it being Bill of Sale #363072. A tracing was made of Powell's signature. Mr. Reed advised he knew nothing further concerning Powell, but that Bert Angus confidentially told him that Powell was a bootlegger as Powell had previously indicated to him.

The writer called at 724 Phillips Avenue and there ascertained from the records through the courtesy of Mr. R. H. Gurney that on May 21, 1934 Ohio 1934 license plates 535952 had been issued for the aforescribed car in the name of E. J. Powell, 1312 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Photographs of various members of the gang were exhibited to Mr. Reed and he immediately picked out the photograph of Jimmie Wilson as being that of the person who purchased the aforescribed car under the name of E. J. Powell.

Concerning the address of 1312 1/2 Adams Street, which was given by Jimmie Wilson as E. J. Powell, the writer observed this address and it is the second and third floors above the address of 1312 Adams Street

and there is apparently no one living or occupying the address of 1312 1/2 Adams Street. The address of 1312 Adams Street is occupied by the Toledo Belting Company and Miss A. A. Adams of that company was interviewed. She advised that the Toledo Belting Company has occupied the address of 1312 Adams Street for the past five years and for the past two years has used 1312 1/2 Adams Street, the two floors above 1312, as a store room. She further stated that no one by the name of Powell or Wilson was known to her and she could not identify photograph of Jimmie Wilson as that of anyone she had ever seen.

It is further noted in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated 9/25/34 that at the premises of 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio there was found an owner's service policy issued to H. J. Morley, 33 1/2 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio by Robison Chevrolet Incorporated, Toledo, Ohio dated August 3, 1934 for a Chevrolet automobile, serial #1DA07-49267. At the office of the County Clerk of Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, the writer examined the bills of sale file there and located a sworn bill of sale filed by the Robison Chevrolet, Incorporated of Toledo, Ohio reflecting the sale on August 3, 1934 of a Chevrolet Club Sedan Motor No. 4543656, Serial No. 1DA-0749267 to H. J. Morley, 33 1/2 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio. It was further ascertained at the office of the Lucas County Auditor that apparently on the same date or on August 4, 1934 Ohio 1934 license plates E-74235 had been issued to H. J. Morley, 33 1/2 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio for the aforescribed automobile. The bill of sale aforementioned was signed for by the grantor, Willard D. Robison and was witnessed by H. Berry and Irene Taylor, having been subscribed and sworn to before Evelyn McPartland, Notary Public. It was ascertained from an examination of the City Directory that the two witnesses and the notary are employees of the Robison Chevrolet Company.

It was further ascertained through discreet inquiry of Assistant Prosecutor Arnold Bunge of Toledo, Ohio that he did not know anything concerning the reputation of the Robison Chevrolet Company which is operated by Willard D. Robison, but he advised that until about six or eight months ago this agency had been operated by an individual by the name of Shanahan, who was regarded as more or less of an underworld character and whose salesmen were regarded in more or less the same light and he thought it possible that Robison had continued to employ some of Shanahan's salesmen. For this reason and in view of the fact that at the time this investigation was being conducted in Toledo, a confidential informant of the Chicago office was in Toledo endeavoring to secure the whereabouts of various members of the gang from known contacts in Toledo, it was deemed inadvisable to conduct further investigation along these lines at this time.

Concerning Bert Angus, aforementioned, previous reports tend to indicate that he is associated with his brother, Ted Angus, at the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio. The Bureau of Criminal Identification of the Michigan State Department of Public Safety, East Lansing, Michigan furnished the following criminal record of Bert Angus, their #80391:

[REDACTED]

The following description of Bert Angus was also supplied by this agency:

Name - BERT ANGUS
Age - 39 in 1931
Weight - 210 pounds
Height - 5' 8"
Build - Medium Stout
Hair - Dark Brown
Eyes - Green
Occupation - Hotel Manager

Concerning the address of 33 1/2 Summit Street, given by H. J. Morley in purchasing the aforescribed automobile, when the writer and Mr. Reed called there as set forth before, inquiry was also made of George Dyer for H. J. Morley, but he advised that H. J. Morley was unknown to him and to the best of his knowledge he had never frequented 33 1/2 Summit Street. Further inquiry was not made at this time of Dyer in view of the fact that it did not appear that he was a very honest and upright individual and also in view of the fact that a confidential informant from the Chicago office was in Toledo at this time.

It is noted on pages 26 and 27 of report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois dated October 1, 1934 in the statement of Jimmie Wilson, that Arthur R. Barker used the alias of H. Morley in Toledo, Ohio.

Under date of November 19, 1934 information as to the cars purchased in the names of E. J. Powell and H. J. Morley was submitted to the Chicago office with copies to all field offices with the request that all field offices communicate with the various State automobile license registration divisions of the various states covered by each territory in

order to determine whether the aforescribed Ford Sedan purchased by Jimmie Wilson under the alias of Powell is registered in any of these states. The Chicago office was also requested to advise the other field offices, in the event the aforescribed Chevrolet Sedan purchased in the name of H. J. Morley was not already located, that identical procedure should be followed concerning it.

Tracings of the signatures of E. J. Powell and H. J. Morley obtained from the sworn bills of sale, aforementioned, are being submitted with copies of this report to the Chicago office. From the specimens on hand it is impossible to identify the signature of Morley as that of Arthur R. Barker and the Detroit Office has no specimen of Jimmie Wilson's handwriting.

It is noted in report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois dated October 1, 1934 page 36, that Jimmie Wilson supplied information to the effect that Arthur R. Barker, while in Toledo, Ohio, went with a girl named Mildred who lived on Collingwood Avenue. It is further noted in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated 11/5/34, that the telephone tap on the Casino Club showed calls being made to a person named Mildred at Jefferson 1759-W and to a person named Mildred at Longdale 0353. The telephone number Jefferson 1759-W is the telephone of Richard Holtz and Lillian Holtz, 1959 Warren Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

It was discreetly determined from Assistant Prosecutor Arnold Bunge, Richard Holtz is a Deputy Sheriff and in Mr. Bunge's opinion he does not bear a favorable reputation.

Officer R. L. Peters of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department, who has acted as a reliable informant in connection with this case previously and who was formerly a detective but who has been transferred to the Uniform Division and who is well acquainted with vice circles in Toledo, Ohio, was contacted discreetly to determine if the Mildred at 1959 Warren Avenue was a prostitute. He advised that he knew of no prostitute by the name of Mildred at 1959 Warren Avenue or could he place any prostitute whatsoever at this address. He made discreet inquiries of several confidential sources and later advised the writer that he had failed to secure any information concerning a Mildred residing at 1959 Warren Avenue.

Concerning the telephone Longdale 0353, it was ascertained that this number is listed to the Recreation Night Club, 929 Phillips Avenue, J. A. Carvin, proprietor. The writer ascertained from Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Arnold Bunge that this place is a combined bowling alley and night club and is known to have been frequented by Italian gangsters in Toledo, Ohio.

At the West Toledo Postal Station located at Martha and Phillips Avenues, carrier E. F. Rawson who delivers to 929 Phillips Avenue was interviewed and he advised he never knew anyone by the name of Mildred, or in fact, any woman to receive any mail at this address.

The writer on one evening for about two hours visited the premises of 929 Phillips Avenue and could observe only two women therein. One was about 25 years of age and was employed as a check girl and the other a woman of about forty or forty-five employed as a hostess. The writer was unable to ascertain the names of these women.

Subsequently the writer made an anonymous phone call to Longdale 0353 and a man answered the phone and the writer inquired for "Mildred" and was advised that no one by the name of Mildred was known at that address. No further investigation was conducted at Toledo, Ohio in this respect at this time in view of the aforementioned confidential informant's activities there, but it will be given consideration in the future.

It is noted in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan 9/25/34 that the premises of 4419 W. 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, there was found a Division abstract of the criminal record of Charles Carroll alias Charles Winterhalter #30222 which had apparently been secured through the office of Sheriff H. O. Hill of Chardon, Ohio by Fred Spohn, an employee of that office, on August 17, 1934. It is noted further on page 41 of said report, that Spohn stated he obtained this abstract of criminal record at the request of Frank J. Noonan, who operates a private detective agency at 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. In connection with this it will be noted therein that Spohn mentions certain correspondence between himself and Noonan which was turned over to Agent Peters and further details concerning this have inadvertently not been incorporated in reports subsequent to report of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated 9/5/34.

Spohn stated that he had done some work for Noonan at the Bainbridge Race Track in the late spring and early summer at which time Noonan had personally requested him to see if he could obtain any information as to Charles Carroll; that Carroll had served time in the Kansas State Penitentiary and that he accordingly directed a letter to that institution and received the following reply dated July 26, 1934 which is quoted herein:

"Mr. Fred S. Spohn,
F. P. E. Sheriff's Office,
Chardon, Ohio.

"Dear Sir:

"I have your letter of July 24th, relative to our Charles Carroll. Be advised that this man was not paroled from this institution, but was discharged by expiration. He served two terms in the Oklahoma Penitentiary, the first one being 1 year, 3 months and 25 days. The second one being of 8 years, 5 months and 9 days duration. He was discharged on both these terms. At the time he entered this institution he asserted that his parents were both dead and gave no other relatives. The last report we have on this man was his arrest in St. Paul, Minn. April 13, 1933, same name.

"Yours very truly,

/s/ C. W. Wilson
Record Clerk

(The following pen notation appears thereon:)

"Dear Fred -

"Kindly follow this up.

"F. J. Noonan"

Spohn states that upon receipt of this letter he forwarded the same to Noonan and it was returned to him by Noonan with the above notation appearing thereon in handwriting. Upon return of the above letter he sent the following letter to Noonan; which Noonan returned to him with the indicated notation thereon, to which there was evidently attached a card showing the fingerprint classification of Charles Carroll, which Spohn does not have at this time:

"Dear Frank:

"In Re: to Charles Carrol Send me the Finger print class' you will find it on the back of the card and dont make any mistake in the copy, and send his alias also i will drop a line to the State Bureau, he may be locked up in some jail in this State, and we may be liable to locate him.

"Yours truly,

"Fred G. Spohn

"Following Notations Appear Thereon:

"Copy the same as on this Card.

"Dear Fred!

"Enclosed find photo of Charles Carroll if you will write to St. Paul and also Washington we might get some dope on him.

"Frank J. Noonan

Per E. Cook

"P.S. Am anxious to find out where he is now. Will have another job for you as soon as the dog track opens."

Spohn stated that upon the return of the above quoted letter he then wrote the Division a letter which is quoted on page 40 of report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated 9/5/34 and upon receiving the abstract of criminal record from the Division he forwarded it to Noonan. The above quoted letters are all the correspondence Spohn could locate when interviewed by Agent Peters on this subject. These letters are being retained in the Detroit office file hereon.

It is noted on page 8 of report of Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, Michigan dated September 28, 1934 that Frank J. Noonan is one of the closest associates of Nathan Weisenberg who is reported to control the slot-machine racket in and around Cleveland. It is further noted that in a letter from the Detroit Office to the Kansas City office dated 9/28/34 in the Kansas City Massacre case that Nathan Weisenberg operates the Harvard Club, a gambling resort located at 3111 Harvard Road, Newburg Heights, Cleveland, Ohio. Jake Mintz was re-interviewed by the writer at which time he advised he believed Noonan was employed by Weisenberg, Weisenberg residing at 3958 Raymont Road, Cleveland, Ohio, telephone Fairmont 8671. According to Mintz, Weisenberg is politically powerful in Cleveland and has apparently a direct connection with Sheriff Sultzmnn.

The writer was present in Cleveland continuously from November 2 to November 12, 1934 and immediately prior to the state and county elections on November 6, 1934 a number of articles appeared in the local press at Cleveland to the effect that Sheriff Sultzmnn would not close the Harvard Club, a notorious gambling resort. This club was closed about a week prior to election but on November 7, 1934 members of the Cleveland Press carried articles deriding Sheriff Sultzmnn very strongly and stating that the Harvard Club had re-opened on that date.

It is further noted in report of Special Agent Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated 9/25/34, page 24, that at the address 3973 W. 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, which address was occupied by Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, that there was found a blank account form of Stanley R. Rayman, D.D.S., 17104 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. Dr. Rayman was interviewed by the writer at this address and after examining his records he could locate no record of ever having worked on any of the Subjects or other persons connected with this case. He stated the only photograph familiar to him was that of Karpis, whom he believed he had seen some time before, but could not recall where. He was questioned as to whether he gambled or frequented gambling places and advised that he did not but did state that he performed work on several persons who either gambled or are employed by the Harvard Club, whose names he declined to disclose. He stated he was at a loss to know how the account form came into the possession of Dolores Delaney and Alvin Karpis unless one of his friends or patients might have given it to them.

It is further noted on page 35 of the report of Special Agent Hall dated 9/25/34 that among the effects of Harry Campbell at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, there was found a collection report on the Casino Club dated September 1, with the merchant's signature thereon as Ted, which would indicate that Harry Campbell might be working or connected with some slot-machine racket. It will also be recalled from report of Special Agent Hall dated 9/5/34 that at 3973 W. 140th Street, twelve pay envelopes of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency bearing the signature of H. G. Milgreth which appears to be in the handwriting of Alvin Karpis, was found.

While conferring with [redacted] on other matters, [redacted] confidentially advised the writer that on the late evening of September 5 or the early morning of September 6, 1934 after Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdett had been arrested [redacted] that a phone call was made from Police Headquarters by an unknown person, but whom [redacted] strongly suspicious as being an officer of the Department, to the Harvard Club to get in touch with subjects in this case and that the person at the Harvard Club, said person being unknown [redacted] received the call and told them of the fact that the women had been arrested. [redacted] further advised that the same individual who had called from Police Headquarters to the Harvard Club had called another officer of the Police Department who was not at headquarters at that time and asked him what he could do for the women but that on the following day before the officer had done anything, he called the officer and told him to lay off as he did not know the connections of the women at the time of the first call. [redacted] advised [redacted] believes [redacted] will be able to secure the information as to whom the person was who made the call to the Harvard Club from Police Headquarters.

[redacted] also advised that it is of interest to note in connection with this case that two of the three addresses which were occupied by the gang in Cleveland at the time of the arrests of the women were owned by notorious members of the Cleveland Gambling Fraternity, William J. Mitchell and A. W. Heberbrand. It will be recalled that the address of 4419 W. 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio which was occupied by Fred Barker, Paula Harmon and Gladys and Harry Sawyer was rented from the William J. Mitchell Realtors organization, 13029 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

It is further noted in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated 9/25/34 that the premises at 3973 W. 140th Street, which was occupied by Dolores Delaney and Alvin Karpis, was rented from the A. W. Heberbrand Organization located at 9713 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

It is also noted in report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Cincinnati, Ohio dated 10/11/34 that certain men's shirts manufactured by the Thomas Shirt Company of Columbus, Ohio, were found at 4419 W. 171st Street and 3973 W. 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio; that apparently G. S. Frambes, Sr. had met three members of the gang at the Harvard Club on May 19, 1934 where they were introduced by one Heberbrand, the manager of the Harvard Club, using the names of E. Bronson, George T. West and D. J. Harris. These men ordered certain shirts and they were shipped to E. Bronson at 3111 Harvard Road, Cleveland, Ohio on July 6, 1934. 3111 Harvard Avenue is the address of the Harvard Club and is located in Newburg Heights, Ohio although the Post Office address is Cleveland, Ohio.

In accordance with Division instructions, under date of November 14, 1934 Frank J. Noonan was interviewed by Inspector S. P. Cowley in room 325 of the Federal Building, Cleveland, Ohio. Frank J. Noonan advised that he had spent all his life in Cleveland, Ohio and that he had never been arrested. Since 1927 he has operated a private detective agency known as the Noonan Detective Agency at 1900 Euclid Avenue. Prior to this time he operated a detective agency under a partnership arrangement with a man named Woodward, as Woodward & Noonan at the same address. He stated at the present time he employs five persons who are as follows: Reed Hess, Ed Cook, Cliff and Rose Seaton and an undercover man whose name he refused to divulge. Rose Seaton acts as a stenographer. He stated that during the summer months he furnishes watchmen and police to various race tracks and enterprises of a similar nature in the vicinity of Cleveland and also engages in a private detective practice, but handles no domestic relations cases.

Concerning the pay envelopes of the Noonan Detective Agency found at the residence of Alvin Karpis at 3973 W. 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, he stated on viewing them that they were the property of his agency but he was unable to account for how they came into the possession of Alvin Karpis. He stated that his agency was hired to protect the Bainbridge and Thistledown race tracks located near Cleveland during the past summer and pay envelopes of his agency are kept at temporary offices

at the track and that no record is kept by him of the stock on hand and he expressed the opinion that it was possible that they might have disappeared at this time or might have been taken by someone without authority. He stated that he employs sometimes as high as one hundred men at a single track during the summer months.

Photographs of the gang were exhibited to him and he stated he had never seen any of them with the possible exception of Fred Barker, whose face appeared familiar and whom he might have seen at one of the tracks but whom he was unable to place.

Concerning the criminal record of Charles Carroll alias Charles Winterhalter, Division jacket #30222, found in the residence occupied by Fred Barker, Paula Harmon and Gladys and Harry Sawyer at 4419 W. 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio which Fred Spohn, fingerprint expert of the Sheriff's Office at Chardon, Ohio had requested for Noonan, he advised that Fred Spohn was formerly Deputy Sheriff at Chardon, Ohio and is now employed in that capacity there, or as a fingerprint expert and takes care of all the fingerprint work and identification work for the Sheriff's Office at that place. Noonan further advised that he employs Spohn for temporary periods and that Spohn has obtained many criminal records for him but he stated he did not know he had obtained any from the Division, most of them being obtained from the Ohio State Bureau of Criminal Identification. He advised that he could not recall ever having requested Spohn to obtain this particular record but did state that he recalled seeing it, but did not recall that it was a Division record and stated that to the best of his recollection it was returned to Spohn.

Upon viewing a photograph of Charles Carroll he stated he could not identify this photograph but believed he had had a line on this individual in connection with counterfeiting activities at one of the tracks but could not recall further details. He reiterated his statement that he was not acquainted with members of the gang but stated the only information he had on the gang was when the three women were arrested at Cleveland and he observed in the local press an article which stated that one of the women used the name of Materson or Easterson and was supposed to be married to a man employed in a local gambling establishment.

Noonan was confronted with the information that he was employed in the slot-machine racket by Nathan Weisenberg and denied this, but he did admit that he was well acquainted with Weisenberg. Upon further questioning he indicated that he might have had some connection with the slot-machine racket but would make no definite admissions. He later advised he had furnished detectives, guards and watchmen for various gambling establishments in Cleveland and the vicinity. He advised that until about nine months ago he had been employed to furnish guards and detectives at the Harvard Club for the protection of guests and to prevent a robbery of the club. He was questioned specifically as to the interested persons or owners in the Harvard Club and advised that while he did not know positively, he would say that the following are actively interested in this club; William or Billy Furgis, A. W. Heberbrand, William J. Mitchell and a person named Levine who came to Cleveland within the past several months from Detroit, Michigan. He stated that Furgis as a rule acts as general manager of the club during gambling hours and is assisted by Heberbrand and Mitchell. He also stated he is of the opinion that Nathan Weisenberg is possibly interested in the Harvard Club but takes no active part in the management thereof. He stated that during the summer of 1934 Furgis and Mitchell went to Roumania where they attempted to establish slot machines throughout the country but were forced out by the Roumanian Government and during the time of their absence, Heberbrand was apparently in control of the club as to management.

Regarding Furgis, Noonan stated he has been a notorious gambling operator around Cleveland for a long time. Concerning Heberbrand and Mitchell, he advised these two worked closely together in the real estate business; that prior to the depression, Heberbrand controlled a number of unimproved lots in Cleveland and Mitchell was a contractor and in their activities Heberbrand would sell a lot and Mitchell would invariably build the building thereon.

Noonan further stated that he often frequents the Harvard Club to gamble and that the Harvard Club is the largest gambling resort in the metropolitan Cleveland area and that the afternoon sessions are devoted principally to bets on horse races and the evening sessions to numerous gambling games. He advised that at an ordinary evening session there are about five hundred patrons or more and that the club remains open as late as anyone wants to play. He stated that there are a number of guards there who are presently employed directly by the club in the event of a hold-up and for the purpose of protecting patrons,

advising that the club furnishes private automobiles to transport patrons to and from the club and also furnishes a guard to accompany patrons from the club safely home, if their earnings are large.

In addition to the Harvard Club, he advised that the Thomas Club of Cleveland is also a notorious gambling club, as is the Reviere Club, which has just recently opened. He advised that he would judge that there are approximately four hundred gambling establishments or clubs in Cleveland proper.

When questioned as to the most likely gambling establishments the gang would frequent, he stated he believed it would be the Harvard Club. He was informed that information received indicated that they had frequented this club.

It should be noted that at the beginning of this interview Noonan was fingerprinted, he consenting to the same voluntarily, but requesting that after a search was made, they be returned to him or that they be returned if he convinced the interviewers that he was honest throughout the interview.

Throughout the course of the interview he seemed greatly perturbed and stated that if the information in possession of the Division as to the aforementioned criminal record and pay envelopes being in possession of the gang became public, it would greatly hinder his business and cause him considerable embarrassment. He advised at this time that he would endeavor to recall and determine further facts concerning the securing of the criminal record of Charles Carroll. He also advised that he had intimate contacts with people employed at the Harvard Club.

It should be noted here that the foregoing communications between Frank J. Noonan and Fred Spohn were not shown to Noonan but a comparison of the signatures of Noonan appearing on the aforementioned correspondence indicated that the signature on one of them was probably that of E. Cook. This was not revealed to Noonan as it was desired to ascertain to what extent he can be trusted and to what extent he will cooperate. Noonan stated he believed he could place the Division in contact with a reliable informant at the Harvard Club but in this connection he stated that none of those interested in the same would cooperate and that it would be necessary to secure the cooperation of one of the employees; that he desired to determine which could be most trusted. He advised that in this connection it would take at least two days to determine this and arrangements were made between Inspector Cowley and Noonan for Agent Peters to contact him on November 17, 1934. Agents Hall and Peters were present at this interview.

The following description was obtained of Frank J. Noonan from personal observation:

Age - 54
Height - 5' 7"
Weight - 207 lbs.
Hair - Grey
Eyes - Brown
Complexion - Fair; ruddy
Race - White
Nationality - American
Marital Status - Married
Occupation - Private Detective
Residence - 2452 Queenston Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio
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On November 17, 1934 pursuant to previous arrangements, a conference was had between Frank Noonan and Agent Peters at Noonan's office in Cleveland and from his conversation it appeared that Noonan had ^{mis-}understood the arrangements which were made at the time of the previous interview. He was under the impression that he was to select someone he thought could be trusted and someone who might be placed in the employ of the Harvard Club and would also be in a position to observe the individuals frequenting the Harvard Club. He had in mind someone who could serve as a chauffeur to drive to and from the Harvard Club with guests and to park the car in such a way that it would be possible for him to observe everyone who left and entered the club. Agent Peters informed Noonan specifically that this was not the desire of the Division but that it desired to be placed in touch with someone connected with the club who had been there during the past summer. Mr. Noonan stated that inasmuch as he had not previously considered the matter from this angle, he would again visit the club the night of November 17, 1934 and would try to select one or two persons in the employ of the club who might be trusted to work with us and arrangements were made for Agent Peters to contact Noonan on November 19.

At the time of this interview Mr. Noonan advised that he is of the opinion that if the gang was in town with as much money as they were reported to have, it is entirely possible that they may have a "piece" of the Harvard Club, particularly as it has not been easy for the operators of these clubs to get a bank roll with which to operate. He believes he may be able to learn their possible connection.

Noonan advised further that at the present time the Cuyahoga County grand jury is having an extensive investigation into the operations of these joints and it may be necessary for the Harvard Club, the Thomas Club and other similar gambling clubs to move out of Cuyahoga County. According to Noonan the operators of the Harvard Club believe themselves so firmly entrenched that they will not have to move, but it is Noonan's personal opinion that a move is unavoidable.

Noonan stated that he has caused a thorough check of his office to be made and he is still unable to ascertain how the pay envelopes got out of the possession of his agency. No mention was made to him of the signature of Cook appearing on some of the afore-quoted letters and they were not displayed to him at this time.

Noonan further advised at this time he was unable to recall any further details as to the Charles Carroll abstract of criminal record.

The outcome of the above interview was communicated by long distance telephone with Inspector S. P. Cowley of Chicago by Special Agent Peters of Detroit in accordance with prior instructions and he instructed Agent Peters to work out some plan with Noonan.

Under date of November 19 in accordance with prior arrangements, Agent Peters interviewed Frank J. Noonan at his office in Cleveland. Mr. Noonan stated that since his previous interview he has been attempting to refresh his recollection as to the Carroll fingerprint record and is now of the opinion Carroll was involved in some way with a counterfeit ring which was laying down a lot of counterfeit money at the Bainbridge track during the Spring meeting; that he had received a tip that this money was going to be laid down and when it started to appear he gave his information to the United States Secret Service and assisted that organization in apprehending a number of operators. He was uncertain as to whether he received information that Carroll was a member of the ring or whether he picked him up for questioning but he now does recall requesting Spohn to make a check-up on his record.

The letters bearing the signature of Frank J. Noonan were displayed to him at this time. He advised they were in the handwriting of Ed Cook, his first assistant, but that Cook had permission to sign the name of Frank J. Noonan and he, Noonan, would accept responsibility for these letters as he had probably instructed Cook to write them.

Noonan further advised at this time as previously, that he has no knowledge whatsoever as to how the copy of the criminal record reached the address of 4419 W. 171st Street, where it was found. He stated that since the previous conference with Agent Peters on November 17, 1934, he had been making discreet inquiry at the Harvard Club and at various other resorts of a similar nature and the employees of the Harvard Club have definitely informed him that two of the gang were at the Harvard Club and that they were known to individuals around the club as "Shorty" and "Slim". He further stated that he thought it possible that "Shorty" might refer to Fred Barker and "Slim" to Alvin Karpis. Noonan further advised that he has information to the effect that these individuals were placing heavy bets which were so large that they were out of line with the usual betting at the Harvard Club and therefore attracted the attention of the game operator. Noonan was unable to ascertain whether these two members were usually accompanied by any women at the time of their visits to the club. Noonan further stated that he had ascertained information to the effect that these two members of the gang frequented the Thistledown race track, where there was a meeting from August 4 to September 5, 1934 and placed very heavy bets. He advised that although betting there is legalized and the bets are placed through mutual machines, the track permits a few respectable handbook makers to operate for the purpose of taking bets too large to run through the machines. Noonan is of the opinion that the boys did their betting with one Lew King who operated a handbook at the track and also operated a relatively small gambling spot just across the road from the track. Noonan also advised that there was a syndicate from Youngstown operating a handbook at the track and in the near future Noonan believes he will be able to definitely ascertain whether it was through King or this out of town outfit that members of the gang did their betting. At the track these two members were also known as "Shorty" and "Slim".

Noonan stated that King operated through a man by the name of Singer and that King, Singer and one Gaylord, who are now operating a club known as the Reviere Club after the nature of the Harvard Club, this club being located on Harvard Avenue near Lee Road in Shaker Heights or Maple Heights, were known to have been rather short of money and inasmuch as there is reported to be a bank roll of \$20,000 to \$25,000 back of the Reviere game, it is quite possible in Noonan's opinion that some of the gang's money might be backing the Reviere game. Noonan has not as yet been able to ascertain if there is any of the gang's money in the game at the Harvard Club but strongly suspects this possibility.

With reference to the possibility of the Division working with an employee of the Harvard Club, Noonan stated he believed such would be impossible. He stated that it is his opinion that as soon as anything connected with the Government would be mentioned, the source of information would be shut off and the Division would be unable to secure further information. He believed that with his contacts, he can secure the information desired not only as to why the gang was in Cleveland but he believes he can later learn where they have gone as he feels they are not around Cleveland at the present time.

Agent Peters at this time requested an interview with Cook to determine his knowledge of Carroll's criminal record but he was not available at that time and arrangements were made with Noonan to have him in his office for an interview on November 21, 1934. Noonan stated that he had not mentioned any of the conversations to Cook. He also stated that as Cook is now attached to the Mayfair Restaurant, which is a rather notorious rendezvous for gambling and the criminal element, it is possible that the gang might be slipping in and out of there.

As it appeared to Agent Peters during the course of this interview with Noonan that he is making an effort to cooperate, his fingerprints were returned to him.

Noonan advised at this time that if the Division desired to bring an Agent in under cover, he would put him in touch with proper contacts so he could go anywhere and visit any of the gambling rendezvous in Cleveland.

Under date of November 21, 1934 Agent Peters again interviewed Frank J. Noonan. At the beginning of this interview his employee, Ed Cook, was present and they were interviewed together. Correspondence with Spohn was displayed to Cook, at which time he admitted the signatures of Frank J. Noonan and F. J. Noonan were in his handwriting but that so far as he could now recall, he does not have any knowledge of the incidents concerning them. He stated that whatever he had done in this connection was done at the direction of Noonan and with his authority. He does not recall ever having received or seeing photograph of Charles Carroll nor does he recall having seen a criminal record of Charles Carroll nor does he know what became of it.

As previously set forth, Cook is now employed as a private detective on duty at the Mayfair Club, acting as assistant to Harry Propper, proprietor of the Mayfair Club, which is a notorious rendezvous

for the gambling element and underworld characters in Cleveland. It is located on Euclid Avenue and Playhouse Square.

Noonan was interviewed further alone and stated with reference to pay envelopes found at 3973 W. 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio that in June and July, 1934 he was working in Cleveland on a case which involved most of the breweries in the city. It was a matter which had to be handled with much discretion and Noonan decided it would be inadvisable to handle the matter from his own office. Therefore, he went to the Manager of the Carter Hotel and arranged with the Manager there to rent a suite of rooms for the purpose of establishing an office in the hotel and had a private telephone installed and brought in a new typewriter and a sufficient supply of stationery, scratch pads and pay envelopes with which to operate an office and avoid the necessity of going back and forth to his own office. Cook at that time was employed from his agency as house detective at the Carter Hotel. As Noonan had twin beds in one room, it was arranged that Noonan and Cook would stay in the suite of rooms which Noonan rented. Due to a number of favors which Noonan has done for the Carter Hotel, it was possible for him to rent the suite ridiculously low and as long as the rooms remained in Noonan's name, the low rate continued.

The brewery cases wound themselves up the early part of July, 1934 and Noonan was going to vacate these rooms. However, Art Heberbrand, who has been formerly mentioned in connection with the Harvard Club, knew that Noonan had these rooms and knew that Noonan was getting them very reasonably. Heberbrand told Noonan that as long as Noonan was getting the rooms so low, he, Heberbrand, would like to take over the suite if Noonan was through with it and use it for entertainment purposes. Noonan stated he informed Heberbrand that this arrangement would be satisfactory as long as Heberbrand paid the bills. At this time Cook moved into a room across the hall and Heberbrand took over Noonan's suite. At the time Noonan moved out, he did not think to move out the stationery and envelopes, etc. Heberbrand continued to occupy the rooms in which he threw a lot of parties, until Noonan decided the arrangement was not satisfactory and prevailed upon Heberbrand to have the account transferred to Heberbrand's name. Noonan stated he has learned Heberbrand occupied these rooms until only recently.

In view of the connection between Heberbrand and the gang, as set forth previously in this report, it is possible that the pay envelopes were obtained from this room by Heberbrand or one of the members of the gang visiting him.

Fingerprints of Ed Cook were voluntarily supplied to Agent Peters by Cook and they are being transmitted herewith to the Division for a search to be made to determine whether Cook has any criminal record, but he requests that they be returned to him.

Noonan advised at this time he was continuing his endeavor to ascertain a reliable informant to determine what the gang's connections are in Cleveland and whether they are frequenting Cleveland at the present time and will also endeavor to ascertain their location. At this time Noonan also advised that he had finally located in his files a carbon copy of a letter from the Noonan agency to Fred Spohn which he exhibited to Agent Peters and which reads as follows:

"August 3, 1934

"Mr. Fred Spohn
c/o The Sheriff's Office
Chardon, Ohio

"Dear Fred:-

"Here is your check for the last five days at Bainbridge. When Frank comes out you can give him your badge.

"Will you please see if you can find out the present whereabouts of Charles Carroll that Frank had you look up. The Central Bureau may have a later record of him.

"Yours very truly,"

(Not signed)

The carbon copy was not signed, but Noonan advised the letter had been dictated by Hess, a former employee of his, but that said letter was written as he recalls, at his direction by Hess and advised that Hess has no knowledge concerning the Carroll matter.

Noonan advised that the Police Department is divided between the administration and the anti-administration forces, i.e., between the forces supporting Mayor Harry Davis and the forces opposed to him.

He further intimated that the city as well as the county is filled with graft and corruption and the city and county allow gambling and prostitution and the like to go on unmolested and the supporters of the administration will not make any moves until the higher forces in administration politics have been consulted. The following is Noonan's own expression concerning this:

"You have undoubtedly heard that Toledo invites this element. Hell, if you have the right connections in this town, Toledo doesn't run one, two, three with Cleveland."

He further stated that if anyone goes to the Police Department or the city hall making inquiry about something in which he is interested, and he knows about it within ten minutes after the individual has left the building. In this connection Noonan stated that if any inquiry were made at the Police Department it should be ascertained first with what faction the officers of whom inquiry is made, are aligned to determine whether their cooperation is assured or whether they will not cooperate.

It was noted from report of Agent Hall 9/25/34, that at the premises 3973 W. 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, there was found a paper containing the following names:

Phillip Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Edward Summers

Charles Ward

Jessie Donavon.

In regard to this, current city and telephone directories failed to list any of the aforementioned, other than Charles Ward and there are a number of individuals listed by the name of Charles Ward and it was impossible to tell whether this name might have any significance from the directory.

Concerning Phillip Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue, this address is at present occupied by Anthony J. Amersbach, who was discreetly interviewed. He is an old man 70 years of age. Anthony Amersbach advised that Phillip Amersbach is his son who has been gone for the past ten years and he has not heard from him for a long time but advised he at one time was in the Michigan State Prison at Jackson, Mich. He could not throw any light on the other names.

It is also noted on page 23 of the aforementioned report that there was found at the address 3973 W. 140th Street a paper containing the address of 5205 M Broadway. It was ascertained by the writer that there is a Broadway Street in Cleveland but there is no such address as 5205 M Broadway.

Concerning the receipt also listed on the same page of the above report dated August 7, 1934 in the amount of \$12.00 to Mr. Milgreth signed J. B. Considine per G.O.B., Mr. Considine was interviewed at 13325 Detroit Avenue where he operates as a veterinary and also has a pet shop and boarding kennels. Upon viewing the receipt he stated that this receipt had been given to a person whom he knew as Mr. Milgreth and who, two weeks prior to August 7, 1934, had brought in two mongrel dogs which were more fox terrier than anything else and had them boarded for two weeks, giving the address of 3973 W. 140th Street. Mr. Considine immediately identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being that of Mr. Milgreth. Since that time he had had no contact with Karpis as Karpis took the dogs away at that time. He was unable to describe the dogs. He further stated that Karpis was unknown to him up until the time he brought the dogs in to be boarded and could supply no further information of value.

In accordance with Division letter of October 13, 1934, fingerprints of Fred Barker with aliases, Division #59163; Harry Campbell with aliases, Division #419856; Volney Davis with aliases, Division #400441; Jess Doyle, Division No. 99402; Myrtle Eaton with aliases, Division No. 337474; Charles J. Fitzgerald with aliases, Division #95780; Edna Murray with aliases, Division #9397; Clyde Nimerick with aliases, Division #77961; Harry Sawyer with aliases, Division #421335 and William Weaver with aliases, Division #17920 were personally supplied to Superintendent Koestle of the Identification Unit of the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department with the notation placed thereon of the address and telephone of the Detroit office together with the file number in this case with the request that if any information as to the same is obtained, it immediately be transmitted to the Detroit office of the Division. Identical instructions were also given concerning Identification Orders on Russell Gibson with alias, I.O. #1213; Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. #1218, Arthur R. Barker with aliases, I.O. #1219 and Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases, I.O. #1232.

A search by Superintendent Koestle of his records failed to disclose any additional record to that already contained in Division files.

Special Agent R. E. Graham at Detroit contacted Inspector Carmody in charge of the Identification Unit, Detroit Police Department and left the same fingerprints and same requests also as to the Identification Orders listed above. A search of the files in possession of the Detroit Police Department reflected no additional criminal record at that place than contained in Division files.

Special Agent Abraham Dickstein performed the same investigation through Lieutenant Hugo Ericson of the Criminal Identification Bureau of the Michigan State Police, East Lansing, Michigan and a memorandum was submitted by him, copy of which has been submitted to the Division.

Special Agent D. E. Hall conducted identical investigation at the Identification Unit of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department through Inspector John Louy and was advised that there was no additional criminal record contained in the files of the Toledo, Ohio police department on any of the above listed individuals.

The Detroit office will continue investigation at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio based upon information contained in this report and in previous reports as to the connections of the gang in those cities.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2118
Detroit, Michigan
December 5 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that there are being forwarded herewith copies of report of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated at Detroit, Michigan December 3, 1934, of which all field offices will receive a copy. However, at this mailing, only one typing run has been completed and it is being furnished as set forth below:

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As soon as additional runs have been completed, all other offices of the Division will receive copies.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City, Missouri
December 1, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

IN RE: BREKID.

On the night of 11-21-34 while at Topeka, Kansas, Detectives Thompson and Plant brought to my room at the hotel one Ed Woodie, 715 Breaner Street, Topeka, Kansas (or Locke, Arkansas), whom they stated had information concerning the Karpis and Barker gang.

Woodie advised that he has known Karpis a number of years, including the time Karpis resided in Topeka, which is Woodie's home; that Woodie has served a sentence in the Missouri Penitentiary and for this reason is able to mingle with underworld characters and obtain information from them that he has never "done time" with any of this mob. Woodie further stated that he had just come to Topeka from Vian, Oklahoma, where he has been associating with Rena Dietrich, a sister of Ford Bradshaw; that she told him the preceding Thursday Karpis and Fred Barker had "come up this way", and that Woodie had proceeded to Topeka in an endeavor to locate them, he previously having assisted the Oklahoma City Office in the apprehension of Frank Delmar, Subject of Kansas City file 91-9.

After I questioned Woodie to some extent in an endeavor to ascertain where he thought Karpis and Barker might have come he finally stated that he understood from Rena Dietrich that they had gone to Topeka, but the manner in which he gave this information was not very convincing. He added that Rena had told him that Karpis and Barker hung out at the following places in Topeka:

Green Hook Lunch, Andy Yokum, proprietor, about 1016 or 1018 East 6th Street, Topeka, Kansas.

Roadhouse of Pat Verity, located on East side of Highway 40, going towards Kansas City, at the first turn east of Tecumseh, Kansas.

Criterion Roadhouse, about 3½ miles south of Topeka on Highway 75.

Woodie further stated that one William Harper, who is now held by Federal officials at Muskogee, Oklahoma, for evading the tax on liquor at Arkoma, Oklahoma, had "knocked off" Ford Bradshaw, and that Bradshaw's sister, Gypsy Bradshaw, had told Woodie that Raymond Hamilton, Karpis and Fred Barker were going to take Harper for a ride at the first opportunity. He also added that one Russell Cooper, at Fort Smith, Arkansas, is a connection of all the gangsters coming into

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Fort Smith.

Continuing, Woodie stated that he was at Vian, Oklahoma on Election Day and saw Raymond Hamilton drive by in a gray Plymouth Coupe.

Woodie further stated that Karpis and Barker visit Southwest City, Missouri frequently; that he does not know their connections at that place but that one Aubrey Bright, pharmacist at that place, who lives in a big yellow house, will identify photos of Karpis and Barker as having been in that town if Bright is informed that the party making the inquiry is a friend of Woodie. Woodie advised that these parties are doubtless seen by numerous people at Southwest City but he does not deem it advisable to make inquiry of most of the people at that place due to the fact that various underworld characters have connections there. He also added that Fred Barker is now running with

Birdsell, wife of Charles Arthur Floyd's former partner in crime in Oklahoma; that she will be found with or near Fred Barker at all times; that Karpis frequently goes out with Rena Dietrich but that he is not particularly interested in her due to the fact she drinks too much and Karpis will not have any dealings with a person that gets drunk.

Woodie further stated that there is a "hot car" dealer, name unknown, at Mountain, Missouri, near the Arkansas line, where Karpis and Barker and the gang trade their hot cars for other cars, paying a difference of \$50.00 or \$100.00 on each trade, according to the condition of the cars. Woodie stated he did not know the exact location of this place but could locate it if he went to Mountain for that purpose.

At the conclusion of the interview Woodie asked for money for the purpose of continuing his efforts to locate this gang. As he had previously mentioned that he had recently been to the Kansas City Division Office and had reported practically all the foregoing information at that time, it was deemed inadvisable to make any further arrangements with him until the matter could be discussed in the office. He was informed in the event his services are further desired this office will communicate with him through Officers Thompson and Plant of the Topeka, Kansas Police Department.

Respectfully submitted:

W. E. MILLER
SPECIAL AGENT

WEM:os

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
December 8, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1238
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1215,
et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to my letter to the Little Rock office dated November 16, 1934, concerning one Ed J. Woodie of Mountainburg, Arkansas, who called at this office on November 15, 1934, and alleged that he had information of value relative to the whereabouts of the various subjects in the instant case.

There is being attached to each copy of this letter a memorandum submitted by Special Agent W. E. Miller dated December 1, 1934, relative to an interview had by him with Woodie at Topeka, Kansas. As I commented in my letter to the Little Rock office dated November 16, 1934, I am not impressed with the possibility of Woodie but am nevertheless submitting this information to you and the various field offices mentioned at the end of this letter for whatever action is deemed appropriate.

Very truly yours,

R. B. MATHIAS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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New Orleans, La.
December 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENTS:

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. 1218; et al.
Edward George Bremer, Victim. Kidnaping

Lester M. Gillis, with aliases, I. O. 1223; et al.
N. M. V. T. A. Conspiracy to Harbor Fugitives.
Probation Violators.

Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., with aliases,
I. O. 1233, Fugitive, et al: Mrs. Alice Speed
Stoll, Victim. KIDNAPING.

The Division has instructed that immediate attention be given to all leads received in this district and a report to be submitted thereon within fifteen days after the receipt of such leads in the three above named cases.

Any leads of importance developed in these cases by this office while you are in the field should be immediately transmitted by telephone or telegram so that these leads may be transmitted to other districts by like manner for immediate attention.

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: El Paso, Tex.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-4-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12-4-34	REPORT MADE BY: R. H. Colvin.
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O.#1219; DR. JOS. P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.#1213, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

File reviewed and all outstanding leads in El Paso district have been covered. Stop orders placed with New Mexico Division of Motor Vehicles, for Ford V-8 sedan, mot. #899,365, Chevrolet club sedan, motor #4,543,656 and for Chevrolet coupe, motor #4,135,550. Ford coupe, motor No. 18-1,037,480, located at Miami, Fla., as reflected by file.

- R.U.C. -

REFERENCE: Division form letter of November 28, 1934.

DETAILS:

The file in this case has been reviewed and it is observed that all outstanding leads in the El Paso district have been covered. Stop notices have been filed with the Division of Motor Vehicles at Santa Fe, N.M., for the following cars: Ford V-8 Sedan, Mot. #899,365, Chevrolet Club Sedan, Motor #4,543,656 and for Chevrolet coupe, mot. #4,135,550. Pick up notices for these cars have also been run in the weekly bulletin issued to peace officers by the New Mexico Motor Patrol, without indication being made to the case in which they are involved.

It is observed from the file that Ford coupe, Motor #18-1,037,480 has been located by Division agents at Miami, Florida.

There being no further leads in the territory covered by the El Paso office at this time, the matter is being referred upon completion, to be reopened when necessary.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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For your confidential information, Mr. E. J. Connelley has been placed in charge of the investigations of the following cases:

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218, ET AL.
LESTER M. GILLIS with aliases (Deceased), ET AL.
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases (Deceased), ET AL.

and is maintaining an office in the New York Life Insurance Building, Chicago, Illinois. The telephone numbers of the office are Franklin 4606 and Franklin 4607.

All communications and reports in the above entitled cases should be addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 829, Chicago, Illinois.

All telegrams in the above entitled cases should be directed to Mr. E. J. Connelley in care of the Chicago Division Office, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois.

The above instructions should be followed until further notice.

Very truly yours,

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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
November 26, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 567,
San Francisco, California.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w. a., - I.O. #1218; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.
L. A. File 7-42.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 16, 1934, relative to some information which Chief of Police Kirkley, Reno, Nevada, furnished to Special Agent McLaughlin regarding one COURTLAND HOWARD, who was murdered in November 1933 on the Sky Line Highway, please be advised that Agent Findlay of this office made investigation at Los Angeles with the following results:

There is a record in the Identification Bureau of the Los Angeles Police Department of COURTLAND HOWARD, alias John T. Barker, #30854-M-6, in which it is stated that Courtland Howard was killed in San Francisco on the Sky Line Highway on Nov. 20, 1933, and that JACK KIRSCHBAUM and BEN GREENGRASS are wanted by the San Francisco P. D. for said murder.

Further investigation revealed that JACK KIRSCHBAUM, alias John K. Kirschbaum, alias John K. Kirschbaum, alias Jacob Kirschbaum, Philadelphia P. D. #39696, fingerprint classification 29 - MO 17, in which it is stated that
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Investigation at the Sheriff's Office at Los Angeles failed to reveal any further information with respect to this matter. It appears, therefore, that the information which the Chief of Police at Reno furnished to Agent McLaughlin related to San Francisco and not to Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,

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J. E. P. DURN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Attention: Mr. Newby

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December 6, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

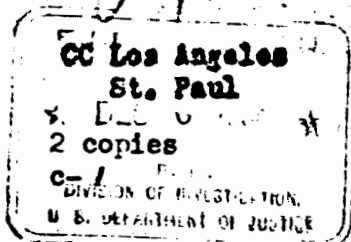
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218,
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DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232,
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. 1213, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the letter of the Los Angeles Office, addressed to the San Francisco Office, under date of November 26, 1934, relative to information obtained from Chief of Police Kirkley, Reno, Nevada, regarding one Courtland Howard, who was murdered in November, 1933 on the Sky Line Highway.

From the information set forth in the letter it has not been possible to identify in the files of the Identification Unit of the Division a record on Jack Kirschbaum, with aliases, mentioned therein. Fingerprints have been received, however, on one Ben Greengrass, who was arrested by the Police Department, San Francisco, California, on November 13, 1934, charged with murder, who may possibly be identical with the individual of the same name mentioned in the letter of the Los Angeles Office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

L. A. FILE NO. **7-62-**

REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-3-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/23, 24, 26, 27, 30/34	REPORT MADE BY: James G. Findlay RS
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">MAE BARTOW, 312 So. Westlake Ave., Los Angeles, stated that R. C. GREEN was at her home for one week in March 1933, and no one by the name of Green has been there since. Cover placed on mail. Cover has been placed on the mail of WYATT WINTERS and wife at 1825 No. Vine St., Hollywood, Calif., which has resulted in receipt of two tracings from Davenport, Iowa, and one from Rock Island, Ill. Agent Endres obtained snapshots of MRS. OWEN B. CARTER from MRS. J. T. McCANN, Phoenix, Ariz., and obtained record of airplane trip made by OWEN B. CARTER to Chicago, Ill., on January 9, 1934. Home of MRS. LOUIE (OPHIE) HENNEBERGH (not Henneburg) located and cover placed on mail.</p>			
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REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Letters from Inspector S. P. Cowley dated Nov. 3 & 14, 1934; Report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Okla. City, 11-16-34; Report of Special Agent James G. Findlay, Los Angeles, dated 11-22-34.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Reporting further on investigation made at 312 South Westlake Avenue, Los Angeles, California, as indicated on Page 7 of reference report of Agent Findlay, Los Angeles, dated 11-22-34, Acting Special Agent in Charge B. E. Sackett and this agent made investigation at this address by interviewing MRS. MAE BARTOW, the manager of the place, which is a large rooming house of ten or twelve rooms.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. E. P. Dunn</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: right;">RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 8 - 1934</div> <div style="text-align: center;">7-576-3520 UNITED STATES DEC 7 1934 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>ONE</i> FILE</div> <div style="text-align: right;">CHECKED OFF: DEC 8 1934 JACKETED:</div>	
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She stated that a young man by the name of R. C. GREEN came to her place on March 14, 1933. She had a set of record cards showing the amount which her roomers had paid her, and by reference to these cards it was ascertained that the date thereon was March 14, 1933. She was questioned closely as to whether or not she could be mistaken as to the date, and she stated that she made the entries on these cards at the time the parties paid their room rent, and that the dates thereon should be correct, but she stated that it could have been possible that she may have made a mistake and made it the third month instead of the fourth month, as the date on which it appears from the letter of Inspector Cowley dated Nov. 5, 1934, that the long distance telephone call was placed from Hammond, Indiana, on April 12, 1934, to DUNKIRK 7776, which is Mrs. Bartow's telephone number. She stated that she had no knowledge that Green received any long distance telephone call from anyplace, and she believes that she would have remembered it had anything been said with respect to same at the time. She stated that R. C. GREEN was a young man approximately 22 or 23 years of age, 5' 8 or 9" tall, slim build, and would possibly weigh from 130 to 135 pounds, and that he had light brown curly hair. She stated that he stated his old home was someplace in Texas, but she did not remember the name of the city. She also stated that she understood from him that he had been married but that he and his wife were living apart. She stated that she did not remember that he received any mail while there, and she does not remember any mail coming there for him after he left her place; that as she remembers, and as her record shows, he stayed at her place only one week and stated that he was leaving because it was too expensive, the record showing that he was paying \$3.50 per week room rent, and that he was going to live with two other young men whom he knew in order to cut down expenses. She stated that Green did not seem to have much money as he was ordinarily dressed, and that the only baggage she remembers him having was one suitcase. Mrs. Bartow was very emphatic in stating that she had only good people living at her place, and rather resented the repeated inquiries made by agents which caused her to believe that agents were insinuating that she had possibly had a criminal stopping at her place.

In an effort to determine definitely about the mail which the mail carrier, A. J. AMON, on that route had stated to Agent Findlay he had recently delivered to someone at that address for a party by the name of Green, agents had a further talk with Carter Amon and he stated that he is sure that he saw one letter addressed to someone by the name of GREEN at that address, and that the reason he remembers it was because of the fact that the letter was in a green envelope and he made a mental note of the fact that the envelope was green and the party's name appearing thereon was also Green. He stated that he had observed this letter while walking along the street assorting his mail preparatory to delivering it to the different houses, and stated that he did not remember that the letter addressed to Green was actually delivered to this particular address, 312 South Westlake Avenue, Los Angeles; that this incident occurred within the past month.

In order to cover the matter in an exhaustive manner, a thirty-day cover has been placed on all mail going to this address, and to date there has been no mail delivered to anyone at this address by the name of Green. One letter has been delivered to MRS. MAE BARTOW with return address to the Naval Training Station, which is no doubt from her son, as she stated that her son recently enlisted in the

Navy. Another letter was received by MRS. E. MOIST, who is the mother of Mrs. Bartow. There were four tracings of letters delivered to this address for MRS. KATIE DRAKE. Mrs. Bartow had stated that Mrs. Drake has been stopping at her place for a long time. The other tracing was for mail received by FRANK E. ROY, with a return address of 299 Cabot Street, Beverly, Massachusetts. A cover is being retained on the mail going to this place, and any information of value obtained will be immediately reported.

As stated in Agent Findlay's report dated November 22, 1934, a mail cover was placed on the mail being delivered to WYATT WINTERS and wife at 1823 North Vine Street, Hollywood, California. To date, December 1, 1934, three tracings of mail have been received at this address--one to WYATT WINTERS, with return address, E. WINTERS, Davenport, Iowa; the other two tracings are for MRS. WYATT WINTERS, with return address 1459 West 8th St., Davenport, Iowa; the other with the return address 225 - 16th St., Rock Island, Ill. The cover is being retained on this mail for a period of thirty days, and any further information obtained will be immediately reported.

In compliance with instructions contained in the letter of Inspector Cowley dated Nov. 14, 1934, Special Agent C. J. Endres made investigation at Phoenix, Arizona, and interviewed MRS. J. T. McCANN, 626 West Latham Street, and obtained three snapshots. Of these exhibits, two were of MRS. OWEN B. CARTER and the other was of subject OWEN B. CARTER. Mrs. McCann stated that these snapshots were taken last July or August at Utawanna, Lake Winnebago, Wisconsin. Mrs. McCann is making further search in an effort to find other photographs or snapshots of Mr. and Mrs. Carter, and if same are located she will furnish same to this office and same will be forwarded to the Chicago Division office. The snapshots which were obtained from Mrs. McCann were immediately sent by air mail to the Chicago Division office on November 23, 1934, with request that copies of same be made and furnished to the Jacksonville, St. Paul and Los Angeles Division offices.

Agent Endres also made investigation at the American Airways at Phoenix, Arizona, for the purpose of ascertaining when OWEN B. CARTER left Phoenix for Chicago, Ill., and was told by B. H. McAHERN, Traffic Manager, that Carter purchased ticket number OW3-14776 at the ticket office at Phoenix on January 9, 1934, and left for Chicago, which transportation would place Carter in Chicago on January 10, 1934, at 7:35 A.M.

This letter from Inspector Cowley instructed that Mrs. McCann be interviewed. Agent Endres had already interviewed Mrs. McCann and his interview was set out in report of his dated November 13, 1934.

Upon receipt of reference report of Agent Hansen, Oklahoma City, dated November 16, 1934, effort was made to locate Mrs. LOUIE (OPHIE) HENNEBURG and Mrs. EARL (OKEEMA) REYNOLDS, the wife of Earl Reynolds. A thorough search was made of the city directories for several years back and no record was obtained of anyone by the name of LOUIE or MRS. OPHIE HENNEBURG. A search of the city directories also failed to reveal anyone by the name of EARL REYNOLDS, whose wife's name was OKEEMA.

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Acting Special Agent in Charge E. E. Sackett interviewed [redacted] who has been co-operating with this office in an effort to locate the Barker brothers. The only additional information which he was able to give was that he believed that OPHIE HENNEBURG lived on North Flower Street on top of the hill in Los Angeles. This matter was taken up with the postal authorities in the main post office at Los Angeles, and a thorough search was made in an effort to find either MRS. HENNEBURG or EARL REYNOLDS or MRS. EARL (OKEEMA) REYNOLDS.

The mail carrier covering North Flower Street, Los Angeles, reported that he remembers that he delivered mail to OKEEMA REYNOLDS at 114 1/2 North Flower Street and that she had moved last August to 513 South Union Avenue and left a forwarding address on August 23, 1934. He also stated that MRS. LOUIS HENEKERGH lives at 513 1/2 South Union Avenue, Los Angeles. The mail carrier on this last named route stated that there is a Mrs. Henebergh living at that address at the present time. Later, the carrier on this route reported that Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT CLARK live at 513 South Union Avenue and that there is a small boy, O. REYNOLDS, living at 513 1/2 South Union Avenue and the name appearing on the mail box at that address is LOUIS HENEKERGH; that there is also a Mrs. Henebergh at this address and that it appeared that Mrs. Henebergh is the mother of O. Reynolds. (Perhaps Mrs. Henebergh is the grandmother of the boy and that Mrs. Henebergh is the mother of Okeema Reynolds).

A cover was placed on the mail going to this address on November 23, 1934, but up until the date of this report, December 1, 1934, no mail tracings have been received.

The matters referred to in this report which are now outstanding will be followed closely, and a report will be made upon same promptly.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, December 4, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218;
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Referring to Division telegram, dated November 30, 1934, received at 5:41 P. M., that day, I would respectfully state that I immediately communicated with Special Agent George Costello at Glasgow, Montana, and had him make arrangements through confidential informants and trusted officers to keep in touch with the situation and advise promptly if anything develops there.

Agent Costello advises me that he arranged with Deputy County Attorney James Shea to keep in touch with the informant and that information will be transmitted promptly if anything further is learned. He also arranged with the Assistant Postmaster at Glasgow to furnish the Butte Office with tracings of all letters received by Corey Sales, Violet Gregg, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stanley, and states that he has advised Inspector H. H. Clegg of his action.

On December 1, 1934, Agent Costello resumed his work on assignments in northern Montana. I thank you for letting me have his help again, as it was very badly needed, as outlined in my telegram.

Very truly yours,

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D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

December 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.# 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.# 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.# 1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.
1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim. KIDNAPING. St. Paul File No. 7-30.

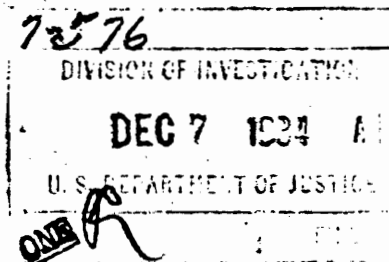
Chief of Police Nigar J. McAlpine, South St. Paul,
Minnesota, communicated with the writer by telephone this morning and
stated he noticed by the papers that there were some indications that
KARPIS had been taken into custody.

Chief McAlpine stated he was rather positive that
KARPIS was one of the men who robbed bank messengers of an amount be-
tween \$30,000.00 and \$32,000.00 in South St. Paul on August 30, 1933,
and in the event he is in custody he would appreciate any information
that may be secured from KARPIS in that connection. The file in this
case, I believe, gives very full details as to the robbery.

Inasmuch as Mr. McAlpine has always manifested a very
friendly attitude toward the Division, and has attempted to cooperate
in every possible way, I believe it would be beneficial to comply
with his request insofar as it is possible when it is possible to do
so.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.



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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
December 3, 1934.

E
Henry B. B. Briggs,
Postmaster,
Los Angeles, Calif.

ALVIN KARPIS, et al.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:-

Re: L. A. File 7-42.

Some time ago this office requested you to kindly place
cover on mail going to 8461 Blackburn Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Please be advised that the object of this mail cover
has been accomplished, and it is requested that same be discontinued.

Thanking you very kindly for your cooperation in this
matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 5, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

Birmingham, Alabama. *ALL Field Offices*

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218;
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DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232;
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

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There are transmitted herewith a supply of photographs of additional members and associates of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang. They include Joseph P. Moran, William Weaver, Russell Gibson, Jess Doyle, Harry Sawyer, in one group; C. J. Fitzgerald, Myrtle Eaton, Edna Murray, Doris O'Conner, and Kate Barker, in the other group. The description of each as of the year obtained (shown in parentheses) is set forth. Special Agents in Charge are instructed to make certain that each Agent receives both of the photographic strips transmitted herewith and has in his possession the photographic strip previously distributed to all Agents, reflecting the photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, and Harry Campbell.

The attention of all Agents should be directed to Division Bulletin No. 41, dated September 29, 1934, which contains the names and aliases, together with descriptive data of all these individuals except Doris O'Conner. The latter individual is reported to be the traveling companion of Jess Doyle. An additional supply of these photographs will be furnished upon request.

Special Agents are to be instructed to use their own discretion as to the manner in which photographs are exhibited during the course of their investigations. If deemed inadvisable to show the names, it is suggested that the names be inked out.

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All leads indicating the present whereabouts of any of the above named individuals or their associates should be furnished by telephone or telegraph to the appropriate field offices.

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Very truly yours,

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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December 6, 1934.

Time-10:35 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Clegg stated that the Herald Examiner, one of the Hearst papers, carried a photograph of Alvin Karpis at the age of fourteen years and a heart-breaking appeal from the mother of Karpis to Karpis to give himself up. Mr. Clegg stated that this picture of Karpis was used as a means of identity between mother and son as no one had a picture of him like this one except the mother; that the paper further stated that if Karpis would disclose his location to his mother, his mother and representatives of the Herald Examiner would go to him, and then apparently would turn him over to us; and thus would save the shedding of any more blood.

I told Mr. Clegg if he was questioned about it, he should say that we didn't know anything about it only what we had seen in the newspapers.

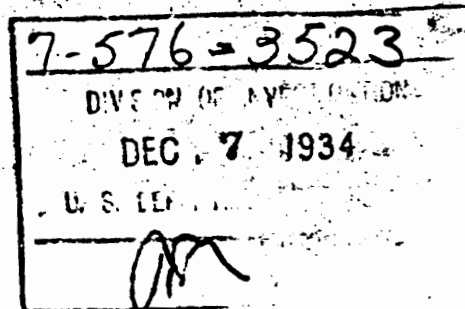
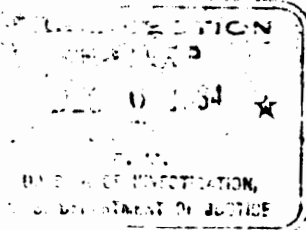
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Chicago Herald Examiner photo of Alvin Karpis at age 14

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December 6, 1934.

Time-10:35 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg from Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Clegg advised me that the "secret" office was all ready to be used and he was of the opinion that Mr. Connelley could move over to this new office and then there would be someone there at all times. I stated that I approved of the idea.

Mr. Clegg inquired when they could issue the bulletin on it as they already had the telephone number and the mail box number and would like to go ahead with it. I stated that I would make the necessary arrangements immediately.

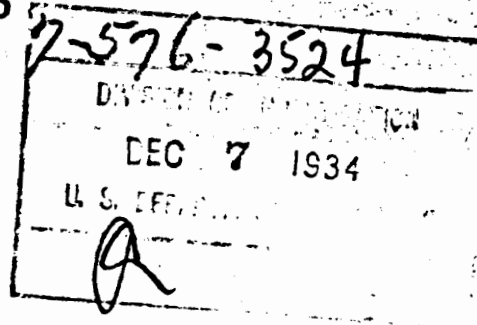
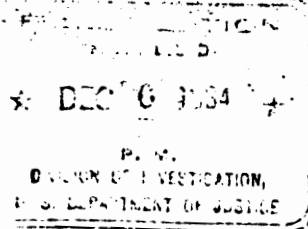
Mr. Clegg stated that it was probable that the all-night shift would remain at the old office and I remarked that would be satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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REPORT MADE AT: Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-6-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/23-12/3-34	REPORT MADE BY: J. H. HANSON
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I.O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record registration 1934 Ford DeLuxe Sedan, motor No. 899365, or Chevrolet Club Sedan, motor No. 4543655, in states of Alabama or Georgia.			
REFERENCE: Letter from Detroit office to Chicago office 11-19-34.			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>In accordance with the information set out in the letter of reference, letters were sent to the Motor Vehicle Registration Divisions of the states of Alabama and Georgia, requesting that this office be notified if there had been registered in those states Ford DeLuxe Sedan, motor No. 899365, or Chevrolet Club Sedan, motor No. 4543655; also that stop notices be placed and this office immediately notified should such cars be registered.</p> <p>The Motor Vehicle Registration Commissions of these two states have advised the Birmingham office that neither of these automobiles had been registered up to the present time; further that this office will be notified in the event they are registered.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. H. Hanson</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-3525 DEC 8 1934 A.M.		RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 8 - 1934 CHECKED OFF: DEC 10 1934 JACKETED:
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Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

December 8, 1934

Mr. Fred C. Zerk, Warden
United States Penitentiary
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly furnish this office with a copy of the fingerprints of G. Albert Head, your register number 7323L, who was received at your institution on December 19, 1910, from the Southern District of Ohio, under an eighteen months' sentence for Mail Fraud; directing your reply to the attention of our file #7-37.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-3-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/22-27-30/34	REPORT MADE BY: JOHN A. DOWD
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: 1934 Ford Sedan, Motor No. 899365 not registered in the State of Utah or Nevada. Stop cards have been placed by the Motor Vehicle Bureaus of both states. Harry Sawyer, who allegedly was in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Boulder Hotel under the name of Frank Jones, left forwarding mail order to 1337 So. Cabrillo Ave., San Pedro, California.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Copy of letter dated November 19, 1934 from Detroit Division Office to Chicago Division Office.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, State of Nevada and State Tax Commission, State of Utah, advise that 1934 Ford Sedan, Motor No. 899365, is not registered in their states. Both have advised that stop cards have been placed among their records and should this car come to the attention of either, the information relating thereto will be furnished the Salt Lake City Division Office promptly.</p> <p>On November 30, 1934, a memorandum dated November 27, 1934, was received from Special Agent Wine of this office from Las Vegas, Nevada. In this memorandum agent Wine referred to past information in effect that Harry Sawyer is reported to have stopped at the Boulder Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, under the name Frank Jones. Agent Wine advised that one Frank D. Jones left a forwarding mail order in the Las Vegas, Nevada Post Office on September 7, 1934 instructing that his mail be forwarded to 1337 South Cabrillo Avenue, San Pedro, California. Agent Wine secured the original removal mail order in the handwriting of this Frank D. Jones and it is being forwarded to the St. Paul Division office and in relation thereto it is requested that an early comparison of the handwriting of this Frank D. Jones be made with the handwriting of Harry Sawyer and this office and the Los Angeles Division office advised of the conclusion reached.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John A. Dowd</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p>7-576-3527</p> <p>RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 8 1934</p> <p>CHECKED OFF: DEC 10 1934</p> <p>JACKETED:</p> <p>ROUTED TO: UNR FILE</p>	
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Deputy Sheriff Homer Groves, Las Vegas, Nevada, informed Agent Wine that he is sure that Harry Sawyer was in town for several months during the Summer of 1934 and that he left Las Vegas about September 1, 1934.

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AT SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA: Make discreet under cover enquiry at 1337 South Cabrillo Avenue for the purpose of determining if Harry Sawyer has been or is at that address or known there and also for the purpose of determining who Frank D. Jones is and if he is Harry Sawyer. The advisability of making this investigation now or hold it abeyance until report concerning the handwriting of Frank D. Jones, is received from the St. Paul Division office, is left with the Los Angeles Office.

THE ST. PAUL OFFICE will make a comparison of the handwriting of Frank D. Jones, which is attached to reports in this matter being sent to the St. Paul Division office and will advise this office and the Los Angeles Division office if the handwriting of that person strongly resembles the handwriting of Harry Sawyer. The removal mail order referred to, dated September 5, 1934, is the property of the Post Office at Las Vegas, Nevada and should be carefully preserved by the St. Paul Office and returned to the Salt Lake City Office at as early a date as is practicable for transmittal to the Postmaster at Las Vegas, Nevada.

If the St. Paul office has no specimen of the handwriting of Harry Sawyer and is not in the position to make the comparison, please direct the request of the comparison to the Chicago, Illinois Division Office and see that the Chicago Division office is requested to preserve and return the handwriting specimen to the Salt Lake City Division office.

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St. Louis, Missouri
December 6, 1934



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Under date of November 22, 1934, Inspector Samuel P. Cowley of the Chicago Office addressed a communication to the St. Louis Office directing an interview with Brown who was then thought to be confined in the County Jail at Springfield, Illinois, in an effort to elicit information concerning the location of William J. Harrison and other subjects in this case.

It has been ascertained that William E. Brown was released from custody at Springfield, Illinois on a \$5,000.00 bond on November 8, 1934. It is very probable that he returned to Miami, Florida immediately thereafter; therefore, please conduct immediate investigation at Miami, and if Brown is there at this time, interview him in accordance with the suggestions set out above.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge

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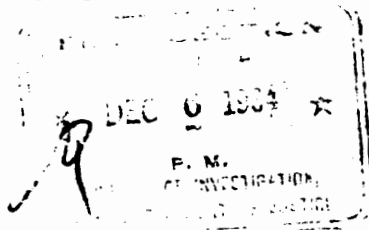
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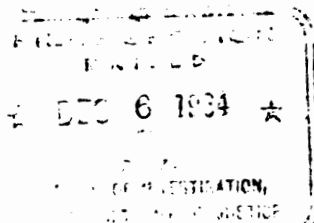
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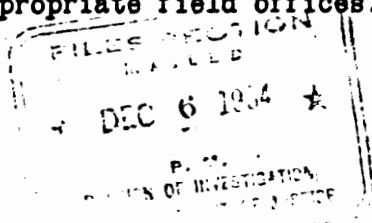
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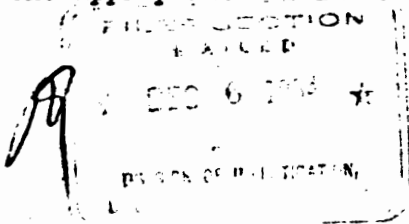
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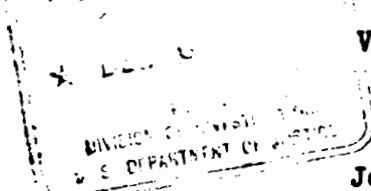
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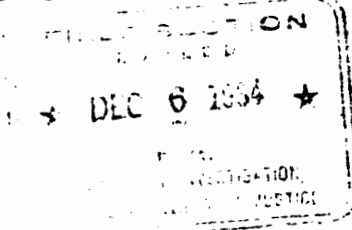
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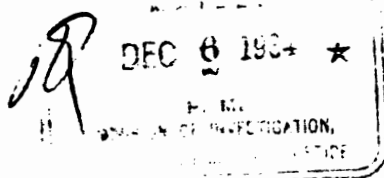
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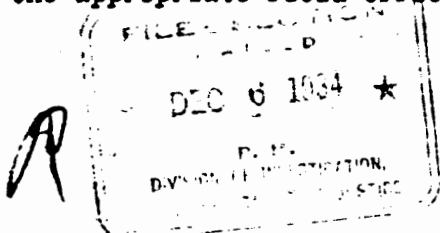
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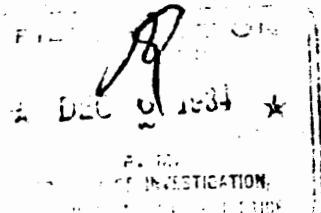
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Special Agents are to be instructed to use their own discretion as to the manner in which photographs are exhibited during the course of their investigations. If deemed inadvisable to show the names, it is suggested that the names be inked out.

All leads indicating the present whereabouts of any of the above named individuals or their associates should be furnished by telephone or telegraph to the appropriate field offices.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



REN:RD

December 5, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. J. W. Barnes

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1213;
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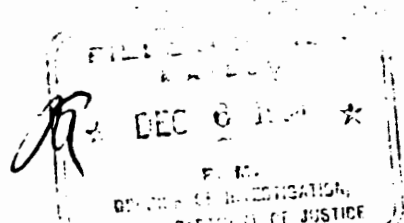
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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

December 6, 1934.

Case: ⁰Alvin Karpis with aliases et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnapping
⁰

Number: 7-576-3424

Specimens: One Colt Automatic Pistol, calibre .25, No. 327502, with clip.

Examination requested by: Chicago Division Office - Mr. E. J. Connelley

Date received: November 27, 1934.

Examination requested: Ballistic and Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Parsons ^{JP}

Comparisons of test bullets and shells from this gun were made from all specimens of the same type in our files, but none similar were found. These test specimens are being filed for future comparison.

This gun had not been previously recorded in the Laboratory File.

A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

3-Director
2-Chicago - Mr. E. J. Connelley
1-St. Paul
2-Laboratory

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7-576-3530

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Division

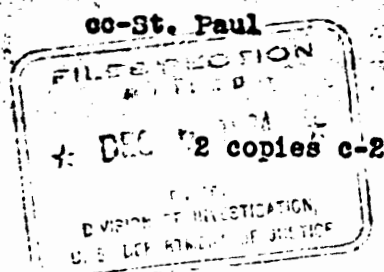
November 27, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

#306142



Mr. Nathan.....
 Mr. Tolson.....
 Mr. Clegg.....
 Mr. Baughman...
 Chief Clerk.....
 Mr. Coffey.....
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DECEMBER 7, 1934

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BREKID TELEGRAM OF BUREAU OF PRISONS RECEIVED AT MADISON AGENTS
 AND MARSHAL DEPARTING WITH PRISONER FROM MADISON AS PER SCHEDULE
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1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

December 3, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213
ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

On December 4, 1934, Special Agent E. O. Scott of this office, while at Topeka, Kansas, had occasion to interview Major Wint Smith, head of the Kansas State Highway Patrol. Major Smith advised Agent Scott that on December 3, 1934, a woman whose name he declined to reveal came to see him in an effort to get him to assist her husband, who is now in the penitentiary. Smith stated that this woman has very good connections with some of the leaders of the underworld. She advised Smith that she knows of three brothers who have used the names of Kusic, Kusac, and Kusiek. According to this woman, these brothers have resided at a big hunting lodge just outside of Minneapolis, Minnesota. One of the brothers is reported to be named Ed and was formerly a lawyer, but retired at the age of thirty-five, due to the fact that he had been connected with rackets and had made considerable money. Another brother is reported to have been killed. The one known as Ed is reported to still live at the hunting lodge mentioned, and Major Smith's informant states that she has reason to believe that Karpis is probably living there. Major Smith further advised that this informant told him that she saw Ed Bentz, Doc Barker, Fred Barker, and Karpis in St. Louis during August, 1934.

Agent Scott endeavored to obtain further information from Major Smith concerning the identity of his informant, but he declined to give it, and stated that he was only passing this information along for what it might be worth. It is suggested that such inquiries as may be possible be made by the St. Paul Office from the above information.

Very truly yours,

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St. Louis
Chicago

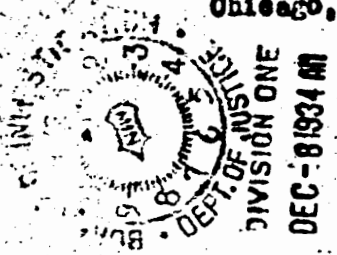
R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

December 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.



Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213;
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ET AL; EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

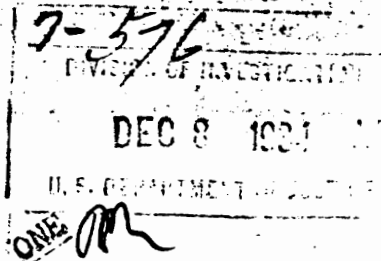
Dear Sir:

In reply to letter signed by Inspector E. P. Cowley, dated November 22, 1934, initialed T&M:AB, referring to Federal Reserve Bank note No. 100063295A in possession of the Lake Villa Trust and Savings Bank, Lake Villa, Illinois, examination of the list of bills in possession of the American National Bank at St. Paul was made by Mr. L. Doran who found that the bill listed by No. 100063295* is a ten dollar Federal Reserve Bank note of the Ninth Federal Reserve District, Minneapolis. An examination of the original list confirms the fact that the number ending with the asterisk rather than the letter "A" is the ransom bill. Therefore, the bill in possession of the Lake Villa Trust and Savings Bank is not part of the ransom money in this case.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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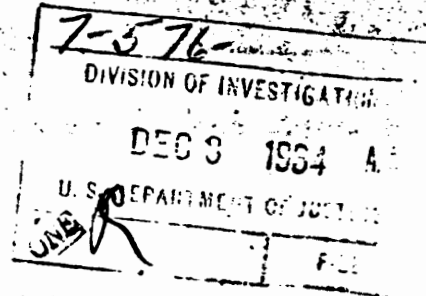
D. M. Ladd,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

BREKID ADVISE OWNER THIS YEAR MINNESOTA LICENSE FOUR EIGHT
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VWP:EB

CC - Division ✓



Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
December 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with alias, I.O. #1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232;
ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 10-11-34, in which it is noted that G. S. Frombs, Sr., of the Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, Ohio, on May 19, 1934, sold a large order of shirts to individuals, who are apparently Subjects in this case, under the names of E. Bronson, George T. West and D. J. Harris. It is further noted that said shirts were shipped on July 6, 1934 to E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and that the balance due on this shipment was \$127.00, said shipment having been made by express. For your information, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, is the address of the Harvard Club and investigation conducted at Cleveland indicates that the Harvard Club was frequented by members of the gang.

It is further noted in report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 10-30-34, that further endeavor was made to interview G. S. Frombs, Sr., Columbus, Ohio, but that he was not available for interview. It is requested that the Cincinnati Office make every endeavor to interview G. S. Frombs, Sr., exhibiting to him photographs of the Subjects in this case to determine to which Subjects the aforementioned shirts were sold by him. It is also requested that the Cincinnati Office conduct appropriate investigation at Columbus, Ohio, to obtain data concerning waybill, etc., in order that the records concerning this shipment may be located, if necessary at Cleveland, to determine what person signed for these shirts upon their delivery at 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Investigation has developed that A. W. Heberbrand is connected with the Harvard Club and is thought to be a contact of the gang and it is possible that he may have signed for these shirts.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

DEH:AM
7-25
cc - Division ✓
Chicago

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 6, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1252,
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Officer Sturgeon of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department advised Agent Paul Hansen that Ruby Wells, a sister of Billy Fitch, former associates of Harry Campbell, is now living at an address which is thought to be 301 or 310 North 3rd Street, Fort Worth, Texas, and that Harry Campbell has made some contact with this girl at that address. According to the directions given about the location of this address, it is not consistent with the address given, but it is thought that the place may be located from the directions given by Sturgeon.

When entering Fort Worth on the highway which goes directly to Fort Worth from Oklahoma, or the highway which goes in from Dallas, the highway goes under a railroad track. On the third street after passing under this railroad turn right, which will be north, and it is the first house on the right or east side on that street. Between the highway and this house is a vacant corner lot. Across the street from this house, and a little to the south is a filling station. From this description it is not thought that this address could be the 300 block of 3rd Street, but it is thought that the place can be located from the description given, and it is suggested that some inquiry be made concerning it.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division
Kansas City
Chicago
St. Paul

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Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 7, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.
#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with
aliases, I.O. #1219; ET AL: ED-
WARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim &
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

As a result of a mail cover placed by the Oklahoma City
office at Tulsa, Oklahoma, a tracing has been received indicating
that a letter was received by Charles Stephens at 818 South Rock-
ford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, with the return address of "John A.
Fitzgibbons, 2306 Amsterdam Avenue, New York." The letter was
mailed at Washington Bridge Station, New York 5:30 P. M., November
24, 1934.

818 South Rockford Street is the home of Harry Campbell
and where his parents are presently living. It is suggested that
some inquiry be made concerning Fitzgibbons at 2306 Amsterdam Ave-
nue, New York, to determine what connection Fitzgibbons might have
with the Campbell family and especially with Harry Campbell, a sub-
ject in this case.

The file in this case indicates that a letter containing
this information was inadvertently addressed to the Portland, Oregon
office on December 6, which, as a matter of fact, should have been
addressed to the New York City office. The Portland office, there-
fore, will disregard the lead contained therein.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division
St. Paul
Chicago
Portland

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Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 6, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge
Portland, Oregon.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.
#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with
aliases, I.O. #1219; ET AL: ED-
WARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim-
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

As a result of a mail cover placed by the Oklahoma City
office at Tulsa, Oklahoma, a tracing has been received indicating
that Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Campbell, 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa,
Oklahoma, received a letter with the return address "C. C. Campbell,
1017 Southwest 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon." Mr. and Mrs. G. C.
Campbell are the parents of Harry Campbell, a subject in this case
and it is thought that C. C. Campbell is Clell Campbell, a brother
of Harry, and it is suggested that some inquiry be made at the
above address to determine if Harry Campbell is making any contact
at that address.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul
Chicago

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P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

December 5, 1934



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1515 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, w.a. I. O. #1219
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a. I. O.
#1232, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Reference is made to report of Special Agent A. E.
Farland, Kansas City, dated December 1, 1934, with which was
forwarded to this office photograph of C. Albert Mead, Leaven-
worth number 7323-L.

Please be advised that Lonnie Golden has already
viewed a photograph of the Mead whom this Division is seeking,
namely, William E. Mead, and stated that William E. Mead is
not the party whom he knew at Leavenworth Penitentiary. It
is noted that the fingerprint classification of C. Albert
Mead, s (2) 1 A 6 does not correspond with the fingerprint

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classification of William E. Mead. Accordingly, photograph
of C. Albert Mead is not being shown to Lonnie Golden.

Very truly yours,

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7-24

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Denver
St. Paul
Chicago

C. D. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
Dec. 5, 1934



Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
I.O. #1232, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
L. A. File 7-42

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent James G. Findlay, dated Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 3, 1934, and especially to paragraph 2, page 3 of said report. Please be advised that this office has received a mail tracing as follows:

Mrs. Wyatt Winters, 1823 No. Vine Street
Hollywood, Calif.
Return Address: MRS. J. HOFELD
5142 Glenwood Ave.
Chicago, Illinois.

The original of this mail tracing is being forwarded to the Chicago Division Office for whatever use it may be in making comparison of the handwriting.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc: Division ✓
St. Paul

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Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 6, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.
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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division
Chicago
St. Paul

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and the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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DETROIT MICHIGAN DECEMBER 8 1934

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R B NATHAN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

0 BREKID REFERRING LETTER THIS OFFICE DATED NOVEMBER NINETEENTH SECOND PAGE
JESS J ELLIS MOTOR SALES TOLEDO ADVISE THAT ON OCTOBER TENTH LAST THEY RECEIVED
WIRE FROM FINANCE OUTLET COMPANY KANSASCITY MAKING INQUIRIES ABOUT FORD FOUR DOOR
SEDAN MOTOR EIGHT NINE NINE THREE SIX FIVE SOLD BY ELLIS COMPANY MAY TWENTY FIRST
NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR TO E J POWELL WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS JIMMIE WILSON STOP
MAKE NECESSARY INQUIRIES FINANCE COMPANY

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-5**

REPORT MADE AT: DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-6-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-22-34 and 12-5-34	REPORT MADE BY: J. D. SWENSON RA
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O. 1218 ARTHUR B. BARKER with aliases I.O. 1219 RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases I.O. 1213 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O. 1232 et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of Ford Deluxe V-8 sedan motor #899365 having been registered in Colo. or Wyo. Stop orders placed.			
P.			
REFERENCE: Letter of Detroit Office dated 11-19-34.			
DETAILS:			
<p><u>AT DENVER, COLORADO.</u></p> <p>Upon receipt of reference letter, a communication was addressed by this office to the Secretary of State, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and a request was made that his records be searched relative to the registration of 1934 model Ford Deluxe V-8 sedan bearing motor #899365. Also a request was made that a stop order be placed in his files against the registration of this car in the State of Wyoming, this car being the car purchased by Jimmie Wilson under the alias of E. J. Powell from the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, 3519 Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.</p> <p>A letter was received from the Secretary of State, Cheyenne, Wyoming, in which it was stated that the above car had not been registered in the State of Wyoming, nor did they have any record of any registration in the name of E. J. Powell. The Secretary of State also advised that a stop order had been placed against the registration of this automobile.</p>			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Ray S. Gorman</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-3533	RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 10 1934
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Likewise, a letter was written to Mr. S. C. Becker, Chief, State Auto Theft Bureau, State Capitol, Denver, requesting the same information. Mr. Becker advised this office that there was no record of any registration on 1934 Ford V-8 sedan, motor #899365 in the State of Colorado, and that this office would be notified at once should he receive any information whatever concerning this car.

PENDING.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 6, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232,
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Division letter dated November 22, 1934 in the above entitled case, please be advised that Special Agent Paul Hansen of this office, during an interview with [REDACTED] was advised that Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma is the United States Senator whom [REDACTED] claims to have received a letter from with respect to any help or favor which he might be able to render [REDACTED]

It might be stated that [REDACTED] did not state positively that Senator Thomas agreed to help him secure a parole for any prisoner, but the letter, according to [REDACTED] statement, was worded in such a way that [REDACTED] felt that he could make it appear to George Barker that Thomas might be in a position and willing to assist [REDACTED] in his proposed undertaking.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Kansas City office, in order that they may make some inquiry at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, to ascertain if any correspondence has been received concerning the possibilities of obtaining the release of Lloyd Barker, as suggested in the Division's letter referred to above.

Agent Hansen received a letter from [REDACTED] which was written to [REDACTED] that it did not seem possible for him to get a parole or a furlough. Information has reached this office, however, that [REDACTED] is now out of the penitentiary, though it is not known at this time whether he is out on a furlough or a parole. He has not communicated with Agent Hansen, or with this office, to date.

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In [redacted] letter [redacted] states, "those parties went to Shreveport LA and tried to get me to come down there, but I knew it was impossible to get out of the State on a chase like that and besides things have went wrong so much, I did not feel like checking it up to our friend. I received a card from some of them, just who I do not know, but I inclose you the card herewith. They did not however, show up as they said they would in the card. Neither did I receive the letter mentioned in the card. I imagine the letter was sent to me by some person and they failed to arrive here with it. The card is from Wichita Kansas and part of them was up there so I had word. I did not mail the application to Barker, I thought it better to first get my leave and he and I find her personally for her signature."

The "friend" mentioned by [redacted] is Agent Hansen. The card he refers to is signed "K". It is not known definitely, but seems rather evident that the card is from Katherine Shepard, who has been referred to several times before in reports of Agent Hansen.

During an interview of Agent Hansen with [redacted] he was advised that Katherine Shepard had recently spent two days and nights with her in Tulsa, and Katherine told [redacted] that she was endeavoring to make a contact with the Barker brothers for a "friend"; that she had, among other persons, contacted Tom Hill of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and that Hill had told her he had heard nothing direct of these subjects for a couple of years. This corroborates to a certain extent the statements of [redacted] as it would indicate that he really is making some effort to make a contact with them.

Very truly yours,


Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City
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Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR B. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1212
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232,
et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

On December 6, 1934, Alfred (Moxie) Geonia was released from the Kansas State Penitentiary and called at this office, at the suggestion of Deputy Warden Stubblefield of that institution, where he was interviewed by Special Agent A. E. Farland and the writer. It will be recalled that Geonia has been interviewed on various occasions in the past and has indicated that he might be able to make contact with Karpis and the Barker brothers.

Geonia states that he celled with both Fred and Arthur Barker at the Lansing penitentiary and that he was acquainted with Karpis in the same institution. He also celled with Harvey Bailey during the time that Bailey was incarcerated at Lansing. Geonia states that he assisted in the smuggling of guns into the penitentiary at Lansing at the time of the break on Declaration Day, 1933, and that he was promised remuneration for his assistance but has never received any money. His story is that the Barkers and Karpis were the outside contacts in this break and, as he expressed it, he was "put in the crack" by their actions and was subsequently subjected to discipline in the prison because of his connection. He states that he is out for revenge on these persons and wants to do anything in his power to cause their apprehension.

Geonia has served six years and three months in the penitentiary at Lansing and came to Lansing direct from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma. He is an admitted safe cracker. He states that when he knew Karpis the latter wanted him to instruct him in the safe cracking art but that he would not do so.

Geonia states that when he knew the subjects they advised him that in the event he wished to contact them they could be contacted through Doc Stacci's place at Melrose Park or through a place in Elgin, Illinois. He is unable to recall the name of the person at Elgin, but states that he will be able to locate it. He describes this place as being a residence, which is apparently respectable, in the suburbs of Elgin on a street that goes beyond the Elgin Watch Works, the house being on the right hand side of the street. The old man at this place has a son nicknamed "Whale Bone" who is, according to Geonia, presently incarcerated in the penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. A third point of possible contact is described by Geonia as being a place run by an Italian, whose name he does not recall, at Oak Park, Illinois. He is of the opinion that these persons are possibly in the vicinity of Chicago or also around Detroit or Cleveland, Ohio. When asked as to possible contact in these cities he could give none, but mentioned that the Cleveland contacts are probably some Poles. With reference to the contact at Elgin he states that the man there is apparently legitimate, but caters to the Barkers and Karpis. Geonia states that he has been at that place with persons whom he calls Benedict and "Shorty" Casey, who are known safe crackers.

Geonia advised that two persons whom he calls Eddie Jenkins and Eddie Woodruff, who were in the Lansing penitentiary prior to 1930, are probably in contact with the subjects of this investigation. He further states that when he was calling with Harvey Bailey, Bailey told him that upon his release he should contact an attorney named Ira McLaughlin at Kansas City, however, he did not intent to do so. He was also instructed to go to the Majestic Hotel, Kansas City, and ask a negro bellhop for "Little Charlie" or "Little Louis". He was also instructed to get in touch with Herb Farmer at Joplin, Missouri. With reference to the Majestic Hotel angle, you will recall that this establishment is not presently in operation.

Geonia advised that Deputy Warden Stubblefield had instructed him to wire Stubblefield at Lansing should he obtain any information as to the whereabouts of any persons in this investigation. Mr. Stubblefield told him that he would then communicate with this office. Geonia agreed, however, to communicate any information which he might receive directly to an Agent of the Chicago office, for appropriate action, and he was introduced to Special Agent R. C. Suran, who was in the Kansas City office at the time of Geonia's visit. Geonia advised that he would communicate by telephone with Agent Suran within the near future and would meet him at a designated spot for the purpose of arranging for any further contacts and to divulge any information which he might have been able to gather.

Geonia left Kansas City by bus on December 6, 1934, with a ticket

to Chicago and planned to proceed direct to Elgin from Chicago. He did not ask for any money, but was assisted in arranging for his departure by Special Agent Farland. He expected to reach Elgin on the afternoon of December 7, 1934.

From my conversation with Geonia I am not convinced that he will be able to be of any assistance to the Division, but it seems desirable to work with him to the extent of determining his possible value in this regard. It seems that there is no question but what he is acquainted with these persons and there is the possibility that he might be able to contact them. He either has a rather wide acquaintance with underworld characters or a retentive memory for names, inasmuch as he mentioned numerous known underworld characters during the course of his conversation. In this connection it is noted that during the interview on one occasion he was asked if he knew Fritz Mulloy and stated that he did not know the name and subsequently, during the conversation, he mentioned that Harvey Bailey had spoken to him of Fritz Mulloy.

From personal observation Geonia is described as follows:

Age - about 50 years
Height - 5 feet 6 inches
Weight - 140 pounds
Eyes - brown
Hair - gray, thin
Nose - large
Face - red
Teeth - white and irregular
Right forefinger amputated at base and right middle finger amputated at first joint.

Photographs of Geonia will be obtained from the penitentiary at Lansing and forwarded to the Chicago office. Information will also be obtained concerning Eddie Woodruff and Eddie Jenkins for possible use in this investigation. It is noted Clyde Nimerick has used the alias of Eddie Woodruff.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HATHAW,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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DIVISION ONE



December 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
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There are enclosed herewith two photographs
of Herman L. Stiles, together with the original which
was submitted by your office with letter dated Decem-
ber 3, 1934. Two copies each of this photograph are
also being furnished the Oklahoma City and El Paso
Division offices, as well as the Division.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Department of Justice
Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

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December 8, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - I. O. 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I.O.1219
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases I. O. 1213
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - I.O.
1232; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Please forward to the Jacksonville Of-
fice as soon as possible twenty-four photographic strips show-
ing the photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis,
Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of December 8, 1934, there are transmitted herewith twenty-four additional photographic strips reflecting the photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell.

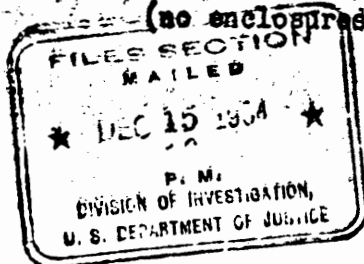
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

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In connection with my memorandum dated December 6, 1934, with reference to the establishment of a separate office in Chicago, Illinois, under the supervision of Mr. E. J. Connelley, who has been placed in charge of the investigation of the following cases:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al,
LESTER M. GILLIS, with aliases (Deceased), et al,
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases (Deceased), et al,

please be advised that the telephone number of that office to be used in connection with all long distance calls made to and from the Division at Washington, D. C. is FRANKLIN 4608.

Very truly yours,
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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1900 BANKERS BANKERS,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

December 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California,

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to Los Angeles Division office letter dated 11/24/34, attached to which were three snapshot pictures of Mrs. Byron Bolton alias Mrs. O. B. Carter. One of the snapshots submitted was a picture of subject Byron Bolton, but same was so badly blurred it appears to be of no value for identification purposes and copies of same could not be made.

There are transmitted to your office and to each of the offices receiving copies of this letter, a copy of the snapshot of Mrs. Bolton. The Division is being furnished with two copies of this snapshot. The original snapshots are being returned to your office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1216;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
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Attached hereto please find thirty-five
photographs of William J. Harrison, Hammond, Indiana,
Police Department No. 1829. The description of
Harrison appears on the reverse side of these photo-
graphs.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building
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December 4, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER
with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSEL GIBSON with aliases,
I.O. 1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

For the purpose of obtaining information regarding the present whereabouts of William J. Harrison, member of the Karpis-Barker gang, investigation made at Chicago has disclosed that from approximately April, 1933 until September 1933, he resided at Calumet City, Illinois, with one Mae Green. Investigation has resulted in the information that Mae Green is presently residing somewhere in Washington, D.C. She is reported to be married, and to be residing with her husband in that city.

It has likewise been learned that in the fall of 1932, Mae Green with a man reported to be her husband, came to Chicago from New York City in the company of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayworth, and these two couples resided together in an apartment at 4027 North Sheridan Road, Chicago. Mrs. Robert (Pat) Hayworth is presently residing at 813 Allen Street, East Grand Forks, Minnesota, and it is reported that she has communicated with Mae Green since Mae Green took up her residence in Washington, D.C.

It is suggested that Mrs. Hayworth be interviewed at the above address, obtaining from her Mae Green's present address, likewise questioning her as to her knowledge of the activities of the Karpis-Barker gang, and the members thereof.

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E.J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge
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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

December 6, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Please ascertain at the State Motor Vehicle Bureau at Indianapolis all possible information in regard to the registration of automobiles for William J. Harrison, alias Willie Harrison, for the years, 1932, 1933 and 1934. Harrison formerly resided at the Savoy Hotel at Hammond, Indiana, and he is known to have operated automobiles at Hammond, Indiana and Calumet City, Illinois, almost continuously in the past three years.

Information has been received as a result of investigation at Hammond that Charles J. Fitzgerald, alias "Big Fitz" resided at Hammond, Indiana, during the year of 1932. At that time he was in possession of a Packard Sedan which was registered by him under the name, Charles Murphy, Mead Hotel, Hammond, Indiana.

It is suggested that the records of the Indiana Motor Vehicle Bureau be checked for all possible information regarding subsequent registrations by Fitzgerald.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

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REPORT MADE AT: BUFFALO, N.Y.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/7/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10/18, 26 & 11/2, 17, 30/34	REPORT MADE BY: G. V. DOHERTY
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>RECEIVED INVESTIGATION DEPT. OF JUSTICE DEC 11 1934 AM</p> </div> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>Mrs. L.S. Davis with one Berenice Scott, resided at "Mildred's Camps", Niagara Falls, N.Y., from Apr. 1-Oct. 1, 1934; left no forwarding address, but believed to be in Toronto, Ont., Can. No identification made by owner of camps from photos displayed of subjects, as being visitors of Mrs. Davis. Six Fed. Reserve ransom notes passed in Buffalo; efforts to trace same without results. Investigation shows Mrs. Pearl Flannigan has no bank acct. Marine Tr. Co.; that she worked for Mrs. Potter approx. 15 yrs., leaving employ 11 yrs. ago (Bflo) Mrs. Pope, 34 Brunswick Blvd., Bflo., no information of value.</p> <p>P.</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Division letter dated 9/29/34; report of Special Agent in Charge J.P. MacFarland, Buffalo, N.Y., 11/14/34; telegram from Oklahoma City Office, 11/26/34 and report of Special Agent G.V. Doherty, Buffalo, N.Y., 10/30/34.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Mr. Faust, William Street Branch of the Liberty Bank of Buffalo, telephonically advised the Buffalo Office that Mr. Thomas Durkin, an employee of that bank had received a \$10.00 Federal Reserve note of the Ninth District, No. 105241921A (Page 29A of the list) from Attorney Ford, Ellicott Square Bldg. Mr. Faust was instructed to forward this note to the Federal Reserve Bank of Buffalo.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J.P. MacFarland</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-3543 DEC 10 1934 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: ONE FILE	
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Attorney J. Ford, Ellicott Square Bldg., Buffalo, N.Y., was interviewed by Special Agent Cunningham and he stated that the money which he paid to Mr. Durken was rent which he had collected for him; that the only \$10.00 bill which he gave was received from the Manufacturers & Traders Bank of Buffalo, (main office) when he cashed a check for \$12.00, issued by the city of Buffalo. Attorney Ford stated he had kept this money segregated. Examination of the money which he had in his possession at the time, failed to disclose any additional Federal Reserve notes of the Ninth District.

Mr. Blakeslee of the Federal Reserve Bank advised the Buffalo Division Office that on Oct. 30, 1934 a \$10.00 Federal Reserve note, No. IO4736691A (Page 24A of the list) was received at his office from the main office of the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo. He stated that a package dated Oct. 22, 1934, received from the Lincoln Alliance Bank of Rochester, N.Y., contained a Ninth District Federal Reserve note, no. IO3477128A (Page 17A of the list); that in a package dated Oct. 22, 1934, received from the Liberty Bank of Buffalo, a Ninth District Federal Reserve note (\$10.00) No. IO5027622A (Page 26A) was found. He advised that he would have his tellers continue to observe said notes, and in the event any additional ones were located, the Buffalo Division Office would be notified.

In view of the fact that efforts to trace said bills through the banks, after they had passed into the Federal Reserve Bank without having been observed by the said banks, proved useless, no further endeavor is being made in this regard. However, contact was made directly with said banks, advising them of the notes which had passed through their banks unobserved, and requesting that they be more observant in this regard and notify this office in the event further notes were located.

Mr. Rusch, Liberty Bank of Buffalo, advised that on Oct. 30, 1934 a deposit was made by Miss Grace E. Hetzell, 15 West Eagle St., this city, which deposit contained a \$10.00 Federal Reserve note of the Ninth District, No. IO5027622A (Page 26A) Mr. Rusch stated that this note would be forwarded to the Federal Reserve Bank.

Special Agent (A) R.A. Guerin interviewed Miss Grace E. Hetzell, 15 West Eagle St., at which time it was ascertained that she operates a cafeteria at the above address and that the bill was taken in payment for a meal; that there was no way for her to tell from what person she received the note. At the time

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of the Agent's call, Miss Hetzell examined the money in her cash drawer, but failed to find any additional Federal Reserve Ninth District notes.

The main office of the Manufacturers and Traders Bank, Buffalo, N.Y., telephonically communicated with this office and advised that the following \$10.00 Federal Reserve Ninth District notes had been received from Sears-Roebuck Co.: IO5257838A (Page 29A of the list) and IO0717594A (Page 15). This office was advised that said notes would be forwarded to the Federal Reserve Bank.

In view of the fact that previous investigation at the Sears-Roebuck Co., disclosed that there are separate cash registers at each counter throughout the store, in view of which it was impossible to trace the bill to any particular individual, no further investigation is being made in this regard.

Reference letter indicates that Mrs. L. S. Davis is now residing at 8523 Pine Ave., Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Examination by the writer of the Niagara Falls directory failed to disclose therein the name of L. S. Davis. This directory also failed to disclose that there was such a number as 8523 Pine Ave. However, the nearest number thereto was 8543 Pine Ave., which was listed as "Mildred's Camps", which address was located almost at the city line.

The writer observed Mildred's Camps was a small restaurant behind which were several small cabins. At this time it was deemed inadvisable to make any direct contact with the person operating this camp.

Captain Carmody of the Niagara Falls Police Department was contacted by the writer and, without explaining the reason therefor, the writer attempted to ascertain the identity of the operator of Mildred's Camps. Captain Carmody stated he did not know who was operating the camp at this time, but indicated that one Mildred Scott had for a time been operating the camp known by the name of "Mildred's Camps"; that to his knowledge, she had never been the cause of any complaint received at the department, that no violations of any kind had occurred at her camp. However, he believed that Mrs. Scott, during prohibition days, illegally sold liquor at her restaurant, although no definite information in this regard had been procured. Capt. Carmody

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and the writer made inquiry of some confidential informants in the vicinity, without procuring any definite information. However, it was observed that Mildred's Camps were located in close proximity to the Plantation, a gambling resort, located on the corner of Pine Ave. and Military Road, which is a place frequented more or less by racketeers of every description. The operators of the resort had previously been contacted in connection with this case and it was believed that the persons there would not truthfully furnish any information which might subsequently affect their business. Accordingly, they were not contacted at this time; for the purpose of the record, however, it is stated that in this vicinity there have been, from time to time several houses of prostitution, one of which was known to be operated by "Kitty Koons", a notorious character of Niagara Falls, N.Y. This place is located approximately three-quarters of a mile from Mildred's Camps. In view of the location and the general character of the neighborhood, it was deemed inadvisable to make any further inquiry, and Capt. Carmody agreed to make every effort through his confidential informants to ascertain whether or not there was a person by the name of Mrs. L. S. Davis located at that address.

Subsequently, however, Capt. Carmody advised he had ascertained that a Davis woman had resided there, but had moved and her exact whereabouts at present were unknown.

Inquiry at the main Post Office, Niagara Falls, N.Y., disclosed that they had no record of anyone by the name of L.S. Davis as receiving mail at Mildred's Camps, and that they had no forwarding address for such a person; that the regular carrier of this route was a Mr. Gray, who had been on that route for a considerable period of time.

Mr. Eugene Gray, Badge #19, rural carrier, who delivers mail to Mildred's Camps, upon interview, advised that he resides at 8404 River-shore Drive; that Mildred's Camps are operated by Mildred Scott and that she has owned them for a considerable length of time; that the exact address for the Camps, according to his figures, was 8523 Pine Ave., Niagara Falls, N.Y. He also stated that Mildred Scott's correct name is Mrs. Lorshbough. The writer attempted to procure from Mr. Gray some information as to the type of persons who frequent the Camps in question, but he stated that he has so much work to do that he has never had an opportunity to observe anyone there. He presumed that it was an

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ordinary tourist camp and stated that he, personally, had never observed anyone there nor had noted any out-of-state cars. Accordingly, no photographs were shown to Mr. Gray, especially, since it was believed that he was the type of person inclined to be talkative.

Mr. Gray advised that he had delivered mail to Mrs. L.S. Davis, care of Mildred's Camps, but had not noted any mail for her for approximately two months' time. He had never received any forwarding address for said person and could not state whether or not she was residing at that time at Mildred's Camps.

Chief of Police John A. Curry, Niagara Falls, N.Y., was contacted by the writer, at which time he stated that he personally never heard anything that would be detrimental to Mrs. Mildred Scott, operator of the Camps; that to his knowledge she has been operating a restaurant there for approximately 15 years and he had received no complaints concerning her activities. Chief Curry communicated with several officers, who were also unable to supply any additional information.

The writer, accompanied by Chief Curry, interviewed Mrs. Scott. It was observed that a small frame building is operated by her as a restaurant, in the rear of which is a bar; that she has a license to sell legal beer. Mrs. Scott stated that she has operated what is known as "Mildred's Camps" for about 19 years, that her husband died and that her daughter lives with her, her daughter's name being Mrs. Alice Castner. Her daughter's two children also reside with her. Mrs. Scott stated that her first husband's name was Krsbough; that he died several years ago and she subsequently remarried; that her second husband, James Scott, is also deceased; that her maiden name was DeVall and that she was born in the Iron Range district of northern Wisconsin. She stated, however, that she has not lived in Wisconsin and has no relatives there or in the West.

Mrs. Scott stated that Mrs. L. S. Davis came to her Camps the first part of April 1934; that she was referred to her by one "Chuck Connors", a notorious gambler in Buffalo, N.Y.; that she personally did not have much contact with Mrs. Davis.

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who occupied her cottage which is situated to the left of her Camps, and would be located at about 85th and Pine Ave.

Mrs. Scott, continuing, advised that to her knowledge Mrs. Davis had several visitors from Niagara Falls and vicinity, but she did not have any out-of-state cars calling at her home. She stated Mrs. Davis left the Camps about the first of October, and it was her understanding that she is now residing in Toronto, Ont., the exact address being unknown. Mrs. Scott further advised that Mrs. Davis lived with another woman in the afore-mentioned cottage. When requested to furnish said person's name, she declined to do so without first being advised the reason of the inquiry. She subsequently stated, however, that the person who resided with Mrs. Davis was one Berenice Scott (who was no relation of hers).

Mrs. Scott described Mrs. Davis as being 35 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, blonde hair, 140 pounds and very attractive looking. She stated she was always well dressed. Berenice Scott, she described as being 42 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, 115 pounds, having gray black hair, not attractive looking, but well dressed.

Mrs. Scott, continuing, advised that she did not know how these women earned their livelihood; however, they seemed to have a sufficient amount of money and paid their obligations when due. From the general conversation of Mrs. Scott, the writer formed the opinion that Mrs. Davis was operating a bawdy house, but Mrs. Scott did not care to disclose this information to Chief Curry. In view of the fact that Chief Curry indicated that Mrs. Scott unquestionably could be trusted, the photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang, with the photographs of Richetti and "Pretty Boy" Floyd, the Baird girls and also several other photographs of subjects in this and other cases were displayed to Mrs. Scott. However, she was unable to identify any of the pictures as being of anyone whom she had seen at her Camps or seen frequent the home of Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Scott, in conclusion, stated that approximately two weeks ago Mrs. Davis visited her, at which time she was driven by a person who was unknown to her, but was positive it was a New York State car that was used.

Mrs. Scott advised that she carried very little capital

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on hand. The money in possession of Mrs. Scott at that time was examined by the writer for Ninth or Tenth District Federal Reserve notes, but no such notes were observed among this currency. She stated that she banked her money at the Power City Trust Co., LaSalle Branch. For the purpose of the record it should be stated that this bank in the past has received some Ninth or Tenth District Federal Reserve notes.

Mrs. Alice Castner, daughter of Mrs. Scott, was shown the pictures previously referred to, but was likewise unable to identify any as resembling anyone who had been seen in the vicinity of said camps. Mrs. Castner stated that no one had lived for any period of time with Mrs. Davis, other than Berenice Scott, or that she (Mrs. Castner) would have charged an additional amount for the cottage; that no one hired any cabins in this camp who was visiting Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Scott stated that in the event Mrs. Davis again should call at her camps, the number of the car in which she is riding will be noted and telephonically communicated to the Buffalo Division Office (the number of which was left with her). Although the writer interrogated Mrs. Scott and her daughter at length, in an endeavor to ascertain what connections Mrs. Davis had in the city of Niagara Falls or vicinity, this was without result, although she (Mrs. Scott) apparently was willing to supply what information she had in her possession.

The following investigation was performed by Special Agent J. D. Cunningham:

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Harold Putnam, Manager, Marine Trust Branch Bank was interviewed at the main office of the Marine Trust Company in the Marine Trust Building and after searching the bank's records, which included those of the main office and all the neighborhood branches, he advised that they had no record of a bank account under the name of Mrs. Pearl Flannigan or Pearl Campbell.

Mrs. Luella Potter, 700 Lafayette Avenue was interviewed and she advised that Pearl Campbell first came to her home twenty-six years ago, at which time she was twenty-one years of age; that

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she worked for her as a nurse, taking care of her children; that during her stay with her, she had very few visitors; that she seemed to be a very quiet and refined girl.

Mrs. Potter stated that she was very much attached to this woman because she feels that she gave the best years of her life for her children. Mrs. Potter stated that Pearl Campbell left her employ about eleven years ago, after the children had matured; that she worked in Buffalo as a stenographer for a short period of time, then returning to her home, where she married a Mr. J. N. Flannigan and that she subsequently became separated from her husband and is at the present time residing with her parents and sister in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Continuing, Mrs. Potter stated that she corresponds with Pearl Campbell infrequently and that she knows nothing about the rest of the family, except that she (Pearl Campbell) had mentioned a brother Harry who was a good friend of her husband and also a sister who lives in Texas. Mrs. Potter stated that the Campbell family originally came from Oil City, Pennsylvania; that they are all oil people and that she believes specialize in drilling and that as far as she knows, the brothers are in the Texas oil fields.

Without permitting Mrs. Potter to observe the names thereon, photographs of Harry Campbell were exhibited to her and she advised that she had never seen that individual before.

Mrs. C. E. Pope, 34 Brunswick Boulevard, who had previously been interviewed by this writer and Special Agent J. D. Cunningham (who performed this investigation) as set forth in report of reference was recontacted and she stated that she has no further information relative to the present whereabouts of Harry Campbell; that she has received no information of value through Mrs. Flannigan, and that if she received any information, she would forward it to the Buffalo Division Office, which address had been previously left with her.

No direct mention was made to Mrs. Pope concerning the letter she mailed to Mrs. J. N. Flannigan as set forth in telegram of reference as it was feared that such a procedure would spoil this contact.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DALLAS (TEXAS) DIVISION OFFICE will make appropriate in-

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quiry in the oil fields in their jurisdiction in an effort to locate Harry Campbell or his relatives. Investigation disclosed that J. W. Flannigan, brother-in-law of Harry Campbell is a very close friend of his and if this man could be contacted, information of value might be obtained. As set forth above, the Flannigans and the Campbells are oil men and expert drillers.

The EL PASO (TEXAS) DIVISION OFFICE will conduct a similar investigation in the oil fields in its jurisdiction in an effort to locate Harry Campbell or his relatives as set forth above.

The SAN ANTONIO (TEXAS) DIVISION OFFICE will conduct a similar investigation in the oil fields in its jurisdiction in an effort to locate Harry Campbell or his relatives as set forth above.

The BUFFALO DIVISION OFFICE at NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK, will at a subsequent date again contact Mrs. Scott, Military Road, operator of Mildred's Camps, for whatever additional information she may have as to present whereabouts of Mrs. L. S. Davis; will also check through the Post Office department at Niagara Falls, to ascertain whether or not any registered or insured mail was received by her during her stay at the Camps. Will also ascertain whether or not a forwarding address has been left by Mrs. Davis. Will make such other investigation as is deemed advisable.

The BUFFALO OFFICE will also endeavor to locate one "Chuck Connors", Buffalo, N.Y., ascertaining from him the present whereabouts of Mrs. L. S. Davis, who will be interviewed for information of value in this matter.

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December 8, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I. O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases,
I. O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN
with aliases, I. O. #1252; ET AL;
Edward George Bremer - Victim,
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the late
Inspector S. P. Cowley dated Chicago, Illinois,
November 16, 1934, addressed to the Division, a copy of
which was furnished your office, and your letter of the
same date also addressed to the Division, wherein it was
noted that complete details concerning the interview had
with Frank J. Noonan, owner of the Frank J. Noonan Detective
Agency, Cleveland, Ohio, would be incorporated in a report
to be forwarded "within the next few days". The Division
has not yet received this report and desires that it be
expedited.

Reference is also made to your letter dated
December 1, 1934, addressed to the Cincinnati Office in the
above entitled case, requesting that that office make every
effort to locate and interview G. S. Franke, Sr. Your
attention is invited to the report of Special Agent D. McGovern,
dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, November 22, 1934, setting forth
the results of an interview had with Mr. Franke relative to
this matter. A copy of this report will be forwarded to you
upon request in the event one has not already been received
at your office.

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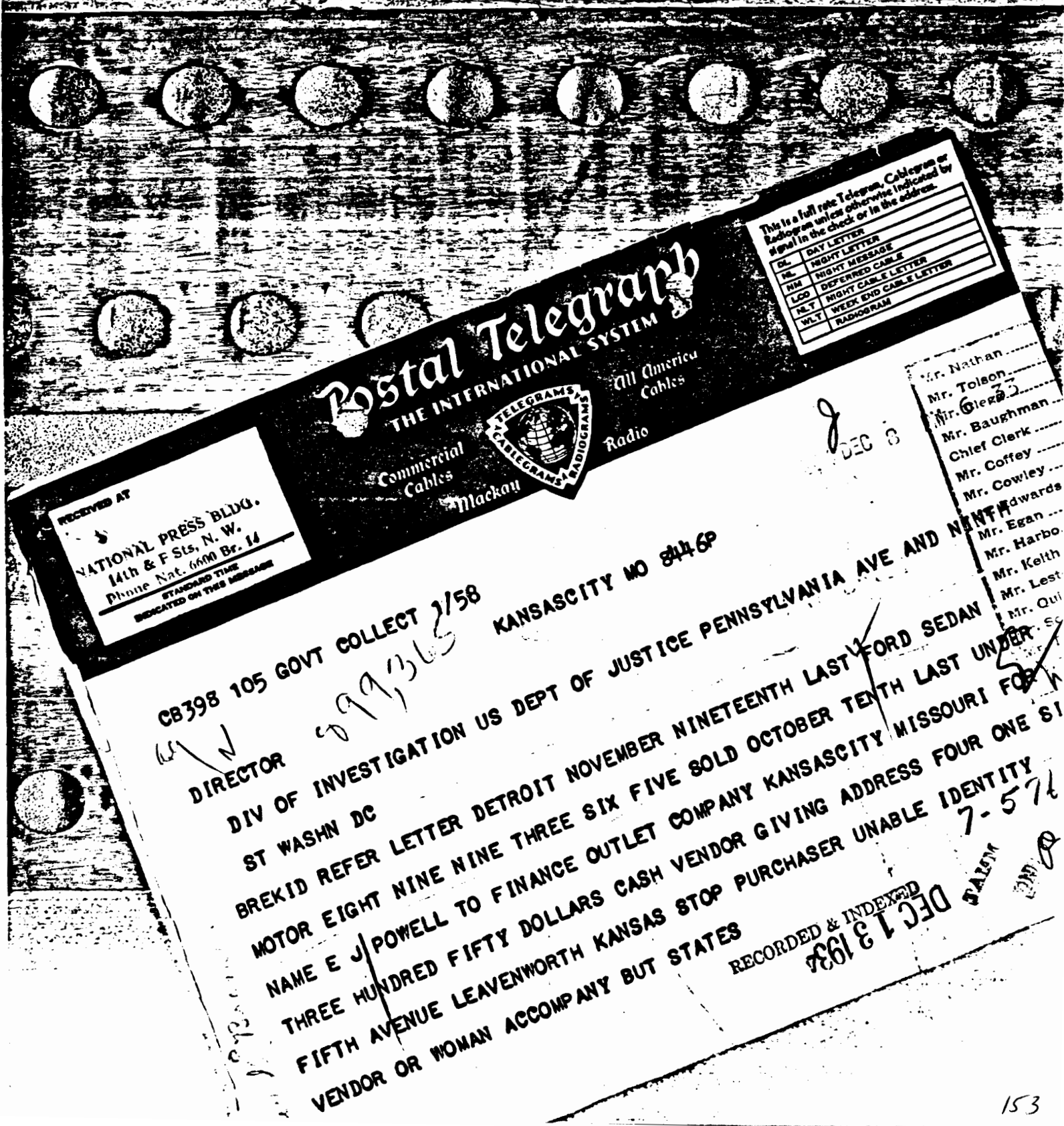
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 4, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Mr. Clegg at 3:25 P. M., today concerning the matter of securing a post office box for mail to be addressed to Mr. Connelley concerning the Bremer, Dillinger and Massacre cases. Mr. Clegg thought that this would be a splendid idea and will teletype the number of the post office box to the Division this afternoon.

He also mentioned the fact that he believes it would be desirable for the Chicago Office to have a post office box inasmuch as no mail is received at the office on Sunday.

With regard to telegrams addressed to the Connelley squad, Mr. Clegg believes these telegrams should be forwarded to Connelley at the main Chicago Office. He pointed out that frequently messages are forwarded "collect" and also that frequent messenger service can be made available between the regular office and the emergency office.

Mr. Clegg stated it was proposed to move into the new space at six o'clock tonight. This space is located two blocks from the main office in the New York Life Insurance Building. The numbers of the telephones being installed are Franklin 4606 and Franklin 4607; also Franklin 4608 will be the long distance telephone available for Washington calls only and this telephone will ring on Mr. Connelley's desk without any extensions.

Mr. Clegg indicated that the space is costing \$100 a month and that he did not secure any bids for the renting of the space. I told him that this was proper and that it should be paid for in cash and handled by blue slip. He also indicated that he had authorized the payment of \$37.50 for screens over the windows which he believed to be desirable.

I suggested to Mr. Tamm that a letter be prepared to all offices instructing that mail in the Bremer, Dillinger, and Massacre cases be forwarded directly to Mr. Connelley at Chicago at the post office box to be indicated. This will be done immediately upon the receipt of information as to the box number.

Respectfully,

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Clyde Tolson.

cc - Mr. Tamm.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
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Mr. Cowley	✓
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Butte, Montana, December 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with alias, I.O. #1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232;
et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
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Dear Sir:

Referring to carbon copy of letter from the Detroit Office dated November 19, 1934, in regard to records of a 1934 Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor No. 899365, I would respectfully state that this matter has been put through the motor vehicle departments of Montana and Idaho and no record found for this car. Both the Registrar of Motor Vehicles at Deer Lodge, Montana, and the Commissioner of Law Enforcement at Boise, Idaho, have been asked to keep track of this, and if this car should be offered for registration to immediately notify the Butte Office.

Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

December 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR J. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
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There is attached hereto a letter received at
the Chicago Division office on December 3, 1934, addressed
to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, from Charles J.
Harris, 306 West Main Street, Cherryvale, Kansas.

In this letter Mr. Harris advises Special Agent
in Charge Purvis that he was sorry to hear of the death of
the late Special Agent Hollis, stating that he had assisted
Agent Hollis while that Agent was conducting investigations
at Tulsa, Oklahoma, about a year ago. Mr. Harris further
states that he believes he can locate subjects Fred Barker
and Alvin Karpis.

It is suggested that Charles J. Harris be interviewed
for whatever information he may have in his possession.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/6/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/12-28/34 12/3-4/34	REPORT MADE BY: Paul Hansen
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O.#1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; ET AL: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No further information obtained regarding Volney Davis at Coffeyville, Kansas or South Coffeyville, Oklahoma except that he mailed a letter at Coffeyville November 17, 1934. Tom Hill, South Coffeyville hoodlum, says that Hazel Doyle is connected with this mob; that it is because of her that he closed his night club in order to avoid trouble; that he will do all in his power to locate and help apprehend all of the members of this gang. Luther B. Hoffman, brother-in-law of Volney Davis, claims to have no information but has promised to cooperate. Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Webb with whom Harry Campbell has stayed upon numerous occasions advised of the activities of Campbell and his associates and promised to cooperate. Disposition sheet submitted as to George Dufek.

REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent Paul Hansen dated 11/13/34 and 11/16/34 and letter from the Kansas City office dated 9/22/34. Division letter dated 11/26/34.

DETAILS: Mr. Brantley advised the writer via long distance telephone that Volney Davis had mailed a letter in Coffeyville, Kansas Saturday, November 17, 1934 and he directed this Agent to proceed to Coffeyville and to make some investigation at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. At Coffeyville the writer met Agents Miller and Shannahan from the Kansas City office and they will report the investigation that was made by them in Kansas.

DETAILS: The only connection that is known at this time that Volney Davis might have around Coffeyville is Tom Hill of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. As stated before in reports by this Agent, Gene Haverfield, deputy sheriff at Nowata, Oklahoma is probably the only officer whom Tom Hill will trust or tell anything to. Haverfield was taken to Coffeyville and talked with Hill November 21, 1934. Hill claimed that he has no immediate connection with any of the members of this mob; that he did not know that Davis was in that vicinity, or that he had been recently, and did not know where he would go if he were there. He promised to inquire into this

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angle and advise Haverfield. He again refused to talk with the Agent, or any other Agent, about this case.

As this Agent and Haverfield were leaving South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, we were obtaining some gasoline and oil from Hill's Airport filling station as Hill drove up in his 1934 model Pontiac coach, light green, (not tan) bearing 1934 Oklahoma license plate number 361-995. He talked with Haverfield for a short time and then consented to talk with the writer. This Agent then talked with Hill for more than an hour, generally and about different angles of this case. Hill claims that he has not received any information about any of the details of this case through underworld, or other, sources. He has heard nothing about how and where the money was changed or who is implicated except what he has read in the papers. Hill admitted that he knows more Oklahoma and Kansas criminals than any other three men living and said that of this mob he knows the Barker brothers, Karpis and Campbell. He said that he does not know Davis or Edna Murray, though when he saw a photograph of Davis he said that he had seen him a very few times. He does not think that Davis would get in touch with him, though it is possible that he would contact him for the Barker brothers.

Hill said that since he had talked with Haverfield that he had thought of a certain angle that may or may not mean anything with respect to the presence of Volney Davis in Coffeyville. Mrs. Hood, who runs the "Oasis", a news stand, sundries and fountain business, on the corner just across the street east of the Dale Hotel in Coffeyville, Kansas told Hill that Emmet Gott, an ex-convict from McAlester, Oklahoma, had been living with her in her apartment on the second floor of the same building her store is in; that he "beat her out of all her money"; that he threatened to beat her seventeen-year-old son and she then drove him off. He then went over to the St. Regis Rooms, 1015 1/2 South Walnut Street, which is over the "Square Deal Second Hand Store", which place is operated by his sister, Mrs. H. L. Windham.

Mrs. Hood told Hill that while Gott was staying with her that several "ex-convicts" came to see him and after he left and went over to the St. Regis Rooms several have come to her inquiring about this fellow; that he also has come around her several times and "bothered" her. It is Hill's idea that more people are contacting this fellow than ordinary and that he may be running some racket which may be the cause of Volney Davis being in Coffeyville. This, he said, is only a possibility but the only one he could think of and he agreed to find out through the underworld just who is going to the St. Regis Rooms and what Gott is doing there and advise Haverfield or the writer.

Since the above interview Hill has talked with Haverfield and advised him that he has been unable to obtain any other information about Gott and has received no information about Davis or any other member of this mob being in Coffeyville.

As stated before in reports by this Agent Tom Hill is probably the last man in Oklahoma whom officers would suspect would give information about criminals. He was asked why he was anxious to have this mob caught and said that they had gotten so wild and so highpowered and so bad that he knew that they were

going to get caught soon and if he could he had just as well have the money the Government would pay for them as anyone else. Hill closed his night club almost a month ago and the word went out that he had closed it for repairs. It was observed that there were no sign of repairs being made and no sign of the place being reopened though Hill had told Haverfield that he was going to open about the first of the year. Hill was asked if his real reason for wanting this mob apprehended was not prompted by some local set-up and he said that it was. He was asked to explain this angle and said that when Hazel Doyle opened the "Nut House" in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma she was his only competitor and she had only a very little following. Hill knew that she had spent a lot of money to set this place up and the Chicago thugs she had with her made Hill realize that they did not intend to have his place run at the failure of the "Nut House" so he closed his place the quietest way he could by giving out the information that he was closing for repairs. He knew, he said, that if he didn't that some night a bomb would be thrown into his place and some people would be hurt and he would then be forced out of business by public sentiment. Hazel Doyle, he said, had not said anything to indicate that this would happen; neither had any of her associates, but Hill says that he knew what would have happened as he had practically all of the business. Hill feels that this is unfair to him and he, therefore, wants to get Hazel and all of her associates out of the way. He says that he knows that Jess Doyle is closely associated with Hazel and also associated with the Barker-Karpis gang, so he feels sure that Hazel has some definite connection with the principal subjects of this case. He does not intend to reopen his place "until something is done about this other outfit". Tom says that he is not afraid of any member of this mob or of the entire mob but he says that he knows better than to engage in any kind of open warfare with them as he would lose his standing and the public following that he has had regardless of what the result would be between the two factions. He chooses, therefore, to "settle it" in the quietest manner possible and he feels that the best and quietest way to do that is to give some information that will result in getting all of the members of this mob caught.

Hill said that he had not received any further word about where he is to meet Fred Barker as set out in this Agent's report dated November 13, 1934. He said that he would notify Haverfield in the event that he receives any information whatever about any of these subjects and if he cannot get in touch with Haverfield he will communicate with the writer.

Hill seemed to be sincere when he said that he wanted all of this mob apprehended and would do all he could to get any information he can about where they are. He says that he has had no direct contact with any of them for about two years but he thinks he may hear from them any time regarding the meeting Fred Barker wishes to make with him. The following will give one an idea of how Hill apparently feels toward these men: Haverfield said that when Tom first approached him about this matter and told him that he was going to see Fred Barker and Harry Campbell during the next few days, he said: "What would happen if those fellows were found dead some place - is there any reward on them". As far as is known there has never been any fight or difference between Hill and the Barkers and their associates until Hazel Doyle set up her "Nut House" in South Coffeyville in an apparent effort to squeeze Tom out. While this informant has

apparently had no recent dealings with this mob it is felt that he is their best contact in the underworld in Oklahoma or surrounding territory. The Oklahoma City office will keep in close touch with him.

Inquiries at Cardin and Commerce, Oklahoma through informants previously mentioned in this case, disclosed that Davis or Edna Murray had not been known to be in that vicinity recently or around November 17, 1934 when he was apparently in Coffeyville, Kansas.

Luther E. Hoffman, brother-in-law of Volney Davis, who is employed with the Maloney Tank Manufacturing Company, 38 North Peoria Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was openly interviewed and said that the last time he knows that any of the relatives of Davis heard from him is about eight months ago when he was in Chicago, Illinois; that he does not know who received this information but he thinks that one of Volney's sisters received a letter from him and he, Hoffman, heard his wife talking about it. He said that he thinks that Volney's relatives hear from him very seldom and he has no idea of just how he communicates with them. Volney's parents, and sisters, he says, feel that their son and brother is innocent of the many things he has been convicted and accused of; that he is still a "good boy" and has only associated with some bad company; that Volney's name is seldom mentioned in his presence.

Hoffman has been working for the above company for several years and appears to be an honest and reliable citizen. He says that he has told his wife that he does not want Volney to come around his home and he does not think that he will ever come there. This subject's favorite sister, he says, is probably Ruby Lamberson. This does not entirely agree with the fact that Davis apparently negotiates through his sister Irene Hoffman, wife of this informant, as he did during May and June of 1934 when she tried to secure a parole for him from the Oklahoma State Prison at the expiration of his leave of absence which ended July 1, 1934. Hoffman said that he could give no help about any of Volney's contacts or where he might be located, though he appeared to be willing to tell what he knew and promised to advise the writer if he ever receives any information about Volney or any of the other subjects in this case. He said that he does not know Edna Murray and has never heard of her. It might be stated here that while Hoffman seemed to be sincere when he said that he would cooperate by giving any information he might receive it is not felt that he is likely to hear of any real information of value as his wife does not seem to trust him with information about her brother. This impression is made by some of the many things she said over the telephone when the Division had a tap on her phone in June, 1934. She never seemed to want to talk about Volney when her husband was home, though it is known that Volney has talked with this sister over long distance telephone more than once at night. Hoffman did not mention this to the writer and it was not thought wise to give him any indication that his phone ever had been, or might ever be, watched. This informant will be interviewed again at intervals in order that a close contact may be had with him.

Hoffman advised that Davis has no brothers and that the following is a list of the names and addresses of his sisters in their order from the oldest to the youngest:

Mrs. John G. (Bertha) Williams, 436 East Oklahoma Place, Tulsa, Okla.
Mrs. Glenn (Ruby) Lamberson, 1660 East Eighth Street, Tulsa, Okla.
Mrs. Luther B. (Irene) Hoffman, 416 East Oklahoma Street, Tulsa, Okla.
Mrs. Charlie (Beulah) Porter, Oklahoma State Hospital, Vinita, Okla.
Mrs. John (Mildred) Harness, Neosho, Missouri.

Volney's parents, Rodney and Mandy Davis, Hoffman said, live on a farm near their youngest daughter, Mrs. Harness, near Neosho, Missouri. This has been previously reported by the Kansas City office. Charlie Porter, Beulah's husband, is Charles A. Porter and is obtaining a divorce from this spouse.

He lives at 1021 East Fifth Street and is employed at the Porter Mattress Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

With further reference to the letter from the Kansas City office dated August 24, 1934 and to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri dated August 23, 1934 inquiries were made at Stroud and Tulsa, Oklahoma but the details of those inquiries are not being reported as the information concerning Lamberson and his address is set out above. His most recent employment has been with the Shell Oil Company in the Houston, Texas area. There is a brief record of his employment in the Tulsa, Oklahoma office. Several attempts were made to interview Lamberson but without success. He will be interviewed at a later date and his cooperation solicited.

was openly interviewed and said that the only one of this mob that he is acquainted with is Harry Campbell; that Harry has been at his home on numerous occasions with Glenn Roy Wright and Jimmie Lawson; that he has not seen either of these men for more than a year and does not want to see any of them. He said these men came to his house for more than a year and would stay for a day or two at a time and then leave for some unknown destination and he never knew where they came from or where they were going. They told him very little about what they were doing but he got the idea from what he heard them say that they were knocking and robbing banks. He heard them speak of the Barkers often but he does not think that they were connected with this mob at that time. The last connection he has had with these men is Harry Campbell stayed.

said that he did not go on any jobs with these men and while he admits that he asked them to take him with them a couple of times they refused and told him that he was not a good enough thief to work with them.

is now working for and can be located through office, phone . He says that he is through with associating with people who violate the law and is trying to make an honest living. His wife does a lot of sewing to help them get along. He says he knows that he came close to being sent to prison and he is thankful for it and is anxious to do something that will help repay society for the wrong he has done it by bootlegging and allowing criminals to have the protection of his home.

He says that he does not know that he will ever hear where these subjects are but if he ever does he will immediately furnish the writer with anything he gets and would do it whether the Government paid him anything or not. He said that his wife knows a lot of associates of this gang and he feels sure that she also will cooperate by helping to get these outlaws caught.

[redacted] was a [redacted] before she was married and she has several brothers and sisters in Tulsa. Her oldest sister is [redacted] Her youngest sister, [redacted] is married to [redacted]. She knows the Barker brothers, Davis, and all the members of the Campbell and Wright families. Her brother, [redacted]

[redacted] Volney Davis and two other men were with him when he was killed and Davis got away amid a shower of bullets, after he started the gun fight, and for this [redacted] is very bitter toward him. While [redacted] was very cautious at first about what she told this Agent she finally talked freely and confirmed what [redacted] said which is set out above.

[redacted] told the following story which seems to be of sufficient importance to report in this case: As stated above on the night of [redacted]

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Both [redacted] said that they feel sure that they would have given the officers the information they knew had not the officers been so abusive to them.

This is the first time that [redacted] have told the truth of this story and as it affects them and [redacted] sister it is felt that they are honest and sincere when they say that they will do all they can to get this mob caught. [redacted] is very close to the [redacted] says that he does not think that Tom or Gordon Carpenter ever went on a job with any of the members of this mob and he does not think that Tom has any connections with them at present or that Gordon has seen Campbell since he and Wright left his home in a hurry April 20, 1934. [redacted] is going to make some inquiries from some persons who may know something about this gang - especially Harry Campbell - and will advise the writer of anything she hears. A close contact will be kept with [redacted]

Mrs. Velma McWilliams, executive secretary of the Community Fund in Tulsa, whose home is Apartment E, 1218 South Denver Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, requested an interview with this Agent after [redacted] had told her the purpose of the writer's interview with him. She talked about the boyhood days of the Barker bro-

thers, Davis, the Wrights, the Campbells, the Sertons and others who went to the old Lincoln Forsythe School which is now the Washington School; of how these boys would hang around Central Park in Tulsa and she said that instead of it being a recreation park it proved to be a training ground for criminals. She says that she knows all of the members of this mob who have been in Oklahoma though she has no information about their contacts or connections that would be of any value in locating them. The main purpose of the interview with this Agent, she said, was to advise that about three or four weeks ago when she and her husband were on their way home about 6:00 P. M. as they drove up to the stop sign at Seventh and Main Street going east, she saw Fred Barker and Harry Campbell and one other unknown man in a 1931 or 1932 model Chevrolet sedan or coach with a Tulsa County license tag on the car but she could not get the number. These men were also going east and she is sure Fred and Harry recognized her though they said nothing. Harry looked about normal, she said, but Fred looked very thin and worn and they were dressed "in ordinary clothes and did not look too prosperous". Mrs. McWilliams seemed sincere and positive about seeing these men but as she has not seen them for several years and as she only got a very quick and short look at them it is felt that she may be mistaken about seeing them. She could give no further details. If she ever obtains any information about this mob she will communicate with this Agent or with the Oklahoma City office. b7c b7d

On November 26, 1934 [redacted] requested an interview with the writer and she was interviewed at the office of the United States Attorney at Tulsa for a period of five hours. She said that she did not want her husband or any other person in the world to know about this interview and she was advised that the interview and the information that she gave during the interview would be held in the strictest confidence. At the outset of the interview she attempted to exact a promise from this Agent that the information she would give would not be used against anyone who was at the present time making an honest living and she was advised that as far as the writer and this Division is concerned, the activities of the members of this mob in Oklahoma prior to the time that they have been wanted by the Government will be considered as past history. The information which is set out below which was furnished by [redacted] does not directly affect the present activities of this mob. It gives some historical background of the activities of some of these subjects and their mode of operation and their associates and contacts:

[redacted] that at this time [redacted] was associated with Harry Campbell, "Jew Eddie" alias Eddie Moss, Jimmie Lawson and Bill Cummings, all thieves and burglars. About a month and a half after this she met Glenn Roy Wright. Wright and "Jew Eddie" are now in the Oklahoma State Prison at McAlester. At that time these men were associated with Sam Duncan who presently works for some bar in Tulsa. His wife, Bernice Duncan, is a sister of a Mrs. Morrison who is the wife of a deceased Tulsa policeman. [redacted] stated above in this report and he was killed the following night near where [redacted] says she does not know anything about who committed this murder. The Morrisons have a daughter, Thelma, who kept company with Glenn Roy Wright and it was through this girl that the mob obtained a lot of information in possession

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of the Tulsa Police through her father, Morrison, whose first name is not known at this time. Mrs. Morrison also has a sister by the name of Naomi who lives with her parents, name not known, who operate a filling station near Caney, Kansas. Naomi thinks a great deal of Harry Campbell and these outlaws stayed at Naomi's home near Caney, Kansas upon numerous occasions just before and just after several jobs that they pulled. On one occasion Harry Campbell took Wynona Burdette to this home which resulted in some kind of a fight between Wynona and Naomi. In spite of this, [redacted] believes that Harry Campbell can go to Naomi's home at the present time for protection. [redacted] will find out what her last name is and the name of her parents in order that a check might be made whether they are living near Caney, Kansas.

Another close contact of this mob, she says, was Barhead Caddy. He fenced some of their stolen merchandise and bought and secured guns for them. On one occasion Caddy brought some guns to her home when some of these boys were there for their approval and they bought some of them. J. S. Kingsbury was another close contact for these boys and he was regarded by them as a tip-off man as he seemed to be able to get a lot of information through the Tulsa Police Department. At that particular time, Kingsbury was living at 710 West 3rd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Another contact for this gang is a man whose first name is Bert but whose last name is not known at this time who lives in Neosho, Missouri. His wife is either of Italian or Grecian descent and they had two children at that time. The last name of this man will be obtained by this informant.

On August 16, 1932 this informant said that Harry Campbell was at her home with his automobile; that about 8:00 P. M. on that date he called "Jew Eddie" on the telephone and said that "he got him". At 8:15 P. M. Harry Campbell left in his car. He returned that same night at 9:45 with "Jew Eddie" and Jimmie Lawson. He got some letter that he apparently wanted and as he left, said to Louis Webb, "I didn't leave your home until 10:00 P. M. tonight." The next day she read in the newspapers of the death of Judge Earl Smith, an attorney at Tulsa, and that Harry Campbell was named as one of the killers. These three men went directly to Berryville, Arkansas to the home of Tom and Gordon Carpenter and when they arrived there Gordon Carpenter and his wife, [redacted] were there. Upon their arrival, according to information which has been given to this informant since, Harry Campbell said to Gordon Carpenter, "We got here last night, understand?". The three stayed at the Carpenter home near Berryville, Arkansas for a few days when Jimmie Lawson and "Jew Eddie" went back to Tulsa. Harry Campbell went from there to Neosho, Missouri where he stayed with this Bert, mentioned above. This informant says that Glenn Wright was carrying his broken arm in a sling at this time and was, therefore, not in on this killing. She says that she is quite sure that Fred Barker, who is often mentioned as one of the killers of Smith, was not in on this killing as she believes that she would have heard something of it if Barker had been in Oklahoma at that time.

It might be stated here that [redacted] advised this Agent that Harry Campbell was at his home on the night of this killing until 11:00 P. M. and he said that he had talked with Harry Campbell about this murder and that Campbell had told him that [redacted] knew that Campbell could not be in on this

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murder for that reason and that [redacted] said that if he was ever called as a witness that he would have to testify to that fact. This informant said that her husband was afraid of being killed should he give any information about this murder, which accounts for the story he told the writer. It might also be observed here that this informant advised the writer that she does not expect to stand by any of the information which she had given or will not testify in any Court about it as she is only giving it for the writer's information and for what use it might be made to locate and apprehend the members of this mob.

This informant advises that on September 1, 1932 she first met Glenn Roy Wright [redacted] shortly after this, Glenn Wright, Jimmie Lawson and "Jew Eddie" robbed the O. R. Smith Bakery in Tulsa.

A short time after this Harry Campbell, "Jew Eddie" and Gordon Carpenter robbed a loan company in the Masonic Building in Tulsa. On this job, Harry Campbell drove the car and Eddie and Gordon went in.

A short time after the above robbery, Glenn Roy Wright and Tom Carpenter robbed a wholesale apple house in Neosho, Missouri. They took an Acme cab away from Lloyd Neesham in Tulsa to drive on this robbery.

A short time after this Harry Campbell, Glenn Wright and Jimmie Lawson, Tom Carpenter and Milton Brooks robbed the Chevrolet Company at Muskogee or Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

A few days after this robbery Tom Carpenter, Glenn Roy Wright, Jimmie Lawson, Harry Campbell and Milton Brooks robbed a jewelry store at Sedan, Kansas. During this robbery Milton Brooks got two fingers on his right hand hurt trying to break a wire to the burglar alarm.

Soon after this robbery some of these outlaws, whom the informant is not sure of, robbed some bonds and securities in Hutchinson, Kansas and it is for this robbery that Jimmie Lawson was eventually sentenced to the Kansas State Penitentiary.

In about January, 1933 Glenn Roy Wright, Harry Campbell, Jimmie Lawson and Tom Carpenter robbed the gas office in Coffeyville, Kansas. Harry Campbell also drove the car in this robbery. Jimmie Lawson got shot accidentally as they drove into Sandy Hills hideout in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Fred Barker has often been accused of complicity in this robbery and this informant says she is positive that he was not involved.

During all of these robberies, the Barker brothers, Karpis or Volney Davis, were not with these robbers so far as the informant is able to tell. Glenn Roy Wright was apparently the boss of the outfit.

After the robbery at Coffeyville, Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdett, his moll, and Glenn Roy Wright went to Casper, Wyoming and Jimmie Lawson drew away from the mob for good and went to California.

Harry Campbell and Glenn Wright returned from Wyoming and they, with Tom Carpenter, on or about the fifteenth day of January, 1933 robbed the Barnsdall Oil Company at Barnsdall, Oklahoma.

This informant says that it was not the practice of this mob to drive their automobile into Tulsa unless they had some place they were staying in Tulsa but they would ordinarily drive to some place near Tulsa and then call a cab and come into Tulsa to make the contacts they would make. They had three cab drivers that they seemed to trust who drove for the Acme Taxi Company. These drivers are Cary Strickland, Lloyd Neesham and Ross Green.

Reference is made to the report of this Agent dated August 6, 1934 concerning investigation made at Berryville, Arkansas. This informant advised that she heard about this investigation being made three days after this Agent was there. She says that the person who was alleged to have been wounded and who stayed at the Tom Carpenter farm near Berryville and who made a getaway when officers attempted to raid that place, was Glenn Roy Wright. b7c b7d

This informant does not think that Harry Campbell or anyone who works like he does will ever drive into Tulsa during the daylight, as they always came into Tulsa after dark.

Caroline Sherman, alias Johnny Sherman, moll of Burrhead Caddy, 1312 South Elgin Street, Apartment 2, Tulsa, Oklahoma has been a close contact for Harry Campbell and on one occasion, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette and Jimmie Lawson and his wife were staying in this apartment house and were tipped off just before a raid was made by the police by Mark Whinnery, who married a sister of Wynona.

In November, 1933, this informant was staying with [redacted]

[redacted] called her and told her to meet him at a certain place. She met him and he drove her to a point on the highway where she met Glenn Roy Wright and he encouraged her to go back to her husband. Glenn Roy Wright told her at this time that he had not seen anything of Harry Campbell for more than a month; that he had gone to Chicago to obtain some machine guns and had not returned. This apparently, according to this informant, is the last connection Glenn Roy Wright had with Harry Campbell.

Soon after Judge Earl Smith was killed, as stated above, Harry Campbell went to Hot Springs, Arkansas where he took some treatments in a hospital for gonorrhea and rheumatism. He returned to Tulsa on December 22, 1932 after he had been advised by Naomi, mentioned above, that the police were going to try to apprehend him in Hot Springs and that he should leave there.

This informant also advised that [redacted] have received some apples from the Carpenter home in Arkansas; that she asked [redacted] who brought the apples and [redacted] said "a friend of ours".

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brought them". This informant feels a little suspicious about this fact and thinks that it might be possible that Harry Campbell or some other person whom [redacted] are associating with who are "scouting" may have brought these apples to them. After the first interview with the writer, this informant called on [redacted] in the regular way, and [redacted] said when she knocked on the door, "who is it?" This informant says that this is out of the ordinary and she wonders if her sister is not either looking for some person who is evading the law or looking for some officer who might be trying to apprehend some of her associates. This informant says that she would indeed feel bad if any trouble happened to [redacted] but she nevertheless believes that she, and especially her husband, [redacted] should be watched closely.

The writer has had several conversations with Gary Strickland, driver for the Acme Taxi Cab Company, who admits that he has hauled all of the Oklahoma members of this mob on different occasions from place to place. He says that the best contact he knows of in Oklahoma is Tom Hill at South Coffeyville. Strickland seems to be sincere when he says that he will give the writer any information he has about this mob and is doing it first to protect himself from a charge of harboring and protecting these criminals and second for the money the Government will pay for the confidential information which will lead to their location and apprehension.

Mark Whinnery, room 5, Fern Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, mentioned before by the informant in this case, has been interviewed several times and agrees to give the writer any information he obtains.

Agent Hall received a letter from Wynona Burdette which was postmarked at Ponca City, Oklahoma, November 17, 1934. She merely said that she is still there but has moved from the Grand Hotel to 310 South Elm. She said: "Haven't heard a thing". The Oklahoma City office will keep in touch with her from time to time.

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Oklahoma who is presently operating a massage parlor at that address, has talked with the writer on two different occasions lately. She has no information of value to offer. She said that Katherine Shepard stayed with her two nights on November 16 and 17, 1934 and she became intoxicated and did a little talking. The only thing she said, however, was that she had been endeavoring to locate the Barker mob for a friend and that she had talked with Tom Hill in South Coffeyville, and that Hill had told her that he had no idea where this mob could be located except that they are probably "up north some place". [redacted] says that she will see Katherine Shepard from time to time and she will endeavor to get all the information she has regarding this gang.

It is apparent from this information that Katherine Shepard has no idea where these subjects are and it is also apparent that she is probably endeavoring to locate this mob for [redacted] mentioned in other reports by this Agent as a confidential informant for the Oklahoma City office.

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The writer also has talked on two different occasions with Dorothy Karpis, who operates another massage parlor in the eastern wing of the same building where [redacted] is located. She also has no information according to what she says.

With reference to the letter from the Kansas City office dated September 22, 1934, Jimmie Rowe was located and interviewed on two different occasions in Tulsa. He can be located through Earl A. Field, 818 South Atlanta Street, Tulsa, or at the D-X Filling Station on East 11th Street, about six miles east of Tulsa on the south side of the street, or in Apartment 208, the Santa Monica Apartments, telephone number 2-0505. Rowe, according to his statement, is a brother of Ralph Rowe, notorious Oklahoma outlaw. He says that he knew Charlie Harmon, but he is not acquainted with Paul A. Harmon. He does not personally know Frank Nitti of Chicago but he has a very good friend who is very close to Nitti in Chicago. Rowe has no connection with any member of this gang at this time, he said, but he seemed sincere when he said that he would do all he could to obtain some information for the money the Government is willing to pay for these subjects. He is going to make a trip to Kansas City in the near future and will endeavor to make some contact there. If he obtains any information he will advise the writer or the Oklahoma City office.

Blackie Jones, police officer at Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that Volney Davis and Jack Southerland were very close friends a few years ago and operated together in Oklahoma. The latter is presently in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Southerland's wife, Jackie Southerland, was also very friendly with Davis and she is now living with her mother, Mrs. Sadie Elliott, at 923 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. Jones says that if Mrs. Elliott is approached with a statement that what she does will be considered a favor to him, he believes she will cooperate and tell anything she knows. It is Blackie Jones' idea that Davis may be making some contact with Jackie Southerland in Kansas City.

The Division letter of reference dated November 26, 1934 advises that no record can be located in the Identification Unit of the Division relative to George Dufek, referred to by the confidential informant [redacted] with the exception of the arrest of an individual by this name under No. 1709, Sheriff's Office, Enid, Oklahoma on December 5, 1930 for violation of the Probation Act. As a possibility of determining whether this individual had ever served a sentence in a penitentiary with Arthur R. Barker or any of the other subjects of this case, thereby developing an acquaintanceship, Special Agent John B. Little conducted inquiry at Enid, Oklahoma relative to the arrest reported.

The files of the Sheriff's Office were destroyed in a fire on January 29, 1931 at Enid, Oklahoma and no record was available at the Sheriff's Office relative to this arrest. A check of the Clerks of the District Court, the now extinct Superior Court, the County Court and two Justice of the Peace Courts, failed to reveal any information concerning an arrest or subsequent disposition of George Dufek. The only record in the office of the County Attorney at Enid, Oklahoma reveals that one Ed Duffick was arrested on a check charge in December, 1929 which was cleared by payment of the check in February, 1930.

Charles Baker was Sheriff of Garfield County at the time of the reported arrest of Dufek. At the time he left office, Mr. Baker is reported to have carried all of the fingerprint records with him. Mr. Baker was interviewed by Agent Little and Agent F. S. Smith at his ranch four miles southwest of Waukomis, Oklahoma. Mr. Baker stated that a flooded basement had destroyed all of his old fingerprint records which were stored in his residence at Enid. He recalled the name of George Dufek and stated that to the best of his recollection, Dufek was arrested for violation of the National Prohibition Act and turned over to Federal authorities for prosecution. Mr. Baker stated that Dufek resides near Perry, Oklahoma and that the arrest in question was effected in the vicinity of the county line between Garfield and Noble Counties. Mr. Baker had no information relative to any additional criminal record of Dufek but suggested that such information might be forthcoming at Perry, Oklahoma.

The office of the Alcohol Tax Unit at Oklahoma City reflects that George Dufek, residing five miles north of Perry, Oklahoma, was arrested December 5, 1930 on his third offense of violating the National Prohibition Act. On April 6, 1931, Dufek was sentenced to serve 18 months in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas and fined \$500.00. The records of the Marshal's office at Oklahoma City reflect that this sentence was modified on July 1, 1931 to 12 months in the County Jail and that he was incarcerated in the Oklahoma County Jail on July 3, 1931 to commence service of this sentence. He was transferred to the Logan County Jail at Guthrie, Oklahoma and on two occasions was released upon order of the court. His sentence was completed on July 17, 1932 at which time he was released.

The record bureaus of the Sheriff's Office at Oklahoma City as well as the Police Department, failed to reflect any fingerprint record of George Dufek. A disposition sheet is being submitted herewith covering the above sentence.

The records of the Alcohol Tax Unit at Oklahoma City reflect that Dufek's arrest was the result of information furnished by W. H. Inlow of Blackwell, Oklahoma.

Inquiry at the State Highway Department, Oklahoma City, disclosed that they had no record of the registration of 1934 Chevrolet Coupe, Motor No. 4135550, Serial No. 1DA0313359, mentioned in the report of Special Agent J. H. Kenney, Omaha, Nebraska dated 10/20/34. A stop was placed among the records of the State Highway Department as to this automobile.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE will interview Mrs. Sadie Elliott, 923 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri and ascertain if she has any information concerning Davis or his whereabouts.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Perry, Oklahoma will conduct discreet inquiry to determine any past criminal record relative to George Dufek, a resident there, wherein he might have served time in a penitentiary along with any of the subjects of this case.

At Guthrie, Oklahoma will contact the Sheriff to determine

any previous criminal record of George Dufek and any fingerprint record that may have been submitted by the Sheriff's Office there.

At Blackwell, Oklahoma will interview W. H. Inlow for any information he may have relative to any past criminal record of George Dufek.

P E N D I N G

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota

FILE NO. 7-56

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/7/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/6/34	REPORT MADE BY: F. S. Smith
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O.#1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O.#1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.#1232; ET AL: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] Said A. H. Barker is not identical with subject Arthur R. Barker.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. Sorola, New Orleans, 12/2/34.			
DETAILS: At Seminole, Oklahoma: Agent contacted Bob Short, Special Officer for several oil companies and pipe line interests at Seminole, and Charlie Dove, Deputy Sheriff at Seminole, who stated that they know [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED]. These officers state that [REDACTED] and probably is the type of person who would lend aid and protection to underworld characters and would not readily divulge any information to a strange officer or person. Messrs. Short and Dove stated that George Goss, connected with the Seminole Police Department, is reliable and uses this [REDACTED] on occasions as an informant and that [REDACTED] has implicit confidence in Goss and that it was believed that this would be the best method of approach to [REDACTED]. Agent interviewed George Goss of the Seminole Police Department in respect to this matter and he contacted [REDACTED] and interviewed [REDACTED] discreetly. He then contacted Agent and stated that [REDACTED] informed him that [REDACTED] said Barker is the son of Mrs. A. L. Condatti of Indiana Harbor, Indiana. Goss exhibited to [REDACTED] a photograph of subject Ar.			
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thor R. Barker and also furnished [redacted] with his description and [redacted] stated that subject Arthur R. Barker and A. H. Barker are not identical, but that their physical descriptions are somewhat similar. [redacted] stated to Goss that [redacted] has not seen or heard from A. H. Barker since his departure from [redacted] in September and that [redacted] does not know his present whereabouts.

It was not deemed advisable at this time to make any direct and open inquiry of [redacted] due to the information furnished with respect to [redacted] and on account of the nature of the place [redacted]

Special Agent Paul Hansen has received a letter from Opal Wolfe, Cardin, Oklahoma, referred to in previous reports, said letter dated December 4th, advising that the married name of Doris or Dom, the sister of Edna Murray, is Stubliak. She also advised that Percy Payton, Edna Murray's son, is still absent from Cardin; that recently she had a talk with Mrs. Lula Stanley, mother of Edna Murray, but obtained no information as to the whereabouts of Percy or of Edna.

While it is not believed that the A. H. Barker referred to by [redacted] is subject Arthur Barker or has any connection with him, it is thought advisable to have appropriate inquiry made at Indiana Harbor, Indiana, concerning Mrs. A. L. Condatti, said to be the mother of the A. H. Barker seen in Mississippi and thought possibly to be identical with subject Arthur Barker.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE CHICAGO OFFICE at Indiana Harbor, Indiana is requested to make appropriate investigation to determine the identification of Mrs. A. L. Condatti, said to be the mother of A. H. Barker, suspected of being subject Arthur Barker, and obtain any and all information available there concerning said A. H. Barker.

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December 5, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I have discussed with Mr. Clegg the possibilities of sending Agents from the Chicago Office to San Francisco in connection with efforts to apprehend Chase. Going over the personnel with Mr. Clegg, it appears that the majority of the Agents in the Chicago Office are engaged upon the covering of various plants, none of which should be neglected at the present time. Several of these plants, of course, pertain to the Barker-Karpis Mob, but since we have maintained them for some time, I do not believe we should discontinue our surveillance at these points.

Mr. Clegg will go over the personnel situation with Connelley and Ladd, and agreed that by lengthening the shifts of the Agents, it will be possible to spare five men. Mr. Clegg will advise the identity of these Agents and arrangements will be made to have them proceed to San Francisco by commercial plane with appropriate firearms.

I recommend that we instruct Agents Hurt and Campbell, who are under cover at Miami, Florida, to proceed to San Francisco. The Miami angle of the Bremer case is, of course, a possibility, but in the present emergency, I believe the services of these men could be utilized to better advantage at San Francisco.

If you approve, I will instruct the Portland, Los Angeles and Oklahoma City Offices to dispatch an Agent immediately to San Francisco.

I believe that Agent Deere of the New York Office would be very desirable on this type of work and recommend that he also be sent to San Francisco.

The above schedule will furnish Guinane with eleven additional men.

If you approve of these suggestions, appropriate instructions will be immediately issued to the various field offices.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/8/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/5/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. P. BUTTUS
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1210; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; ET AL; - - - - - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

One Clarence Richter, Army serial #805868

His description incorporated in body of report. Two copies of fingerprints obtained from War Department, one transmitted to Identification Unit with request that office of origin be advised of any criminal record; other copy transmitted herewith to office of origin.

Reference: Letter from Kansas City Office dated November 27, 1934.

Details: At Washington, D. C.:

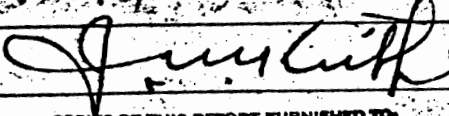
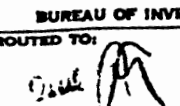
Through the cooperation of Miss Elizabeth Foley, World War Division, Adjutant General's office, War Department, a service record was located pertaining to one Clarence Richter, serial #805868.

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When he enlisted (1919), the following data was placed in his

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military record:

Residence:

Father:

Born:

Age:

Eyes:

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Marital status:

Occupations:

Education:

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Two photostatic copies of the fingerprints of Clarence Richter were obtained from Mr. Oren D. Atwood, Identification Division, War Department. One copy is today being forwarded to the Identification Unit of this Division with the request that the office of origin be advised as to any criminal record. The other copy is being forwarded with copies of this report to the St. Paul Office.

For the information of the Kansas City and St. Paul offices, Miss Costello, attached to the Surgeon General's office, War Department, recalled during August, 1934, one Dr. C. E. Richter visited that office in connection with some conferences which were then being held in New York City. Miss Costello stated that it is her impression that this Dr. C. E. Richter was formerly a German veterinary officer.

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